

Surf Report...

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Dear fellow surfers,

Well another month has gone by and the Sydney ASM looms closer. If you have any spare time, then you might get some value out of the following links on the web.

The latest issue of "Inspire" which is the official journal of the Association for Respiratory Technology and Physiology in the UK. You can get to the journal by following the link to the [ARTP](#), then selecting the Inspire button, and then selecting archived issues.

Inspire, Volume 5 No 3 - Sept 2003 contains some interesting information. "On the Blower" is always entertaining. It details the trials and tribulations encountered with medical sales and after-sales service. We do seem to have a lot in common! You'll also find in the journal, good articles about extrinsic allergic alveolitis, an interesting account of testing the UK coal miners left with COPD, how long to wait after salbutamol (5 minutes might be OK), and a piece about pulse transit time analysis.

The ARTP bulletin board is still going strongly. There are about 280 members linked to it and last July 189 messages. Imagine getting through all of those! The Bulletin Board I run (See [Surf Report, June 2003](#)) currently has 53 members, which is probably not too bad considering the ANZSRS membership is about 220. The number of messages posted last month was 15, and the most messages posted was 53 in May. Like Paul Kelly sings, "From little things big things grow". Indeed, the discussions have been quite stimulating:-

- Don't do the flotation test for puffers, like we once used to. The new type will clog-up.
- Discussion on how to source the parts and method, for making your own oesophageal balloons.
- A London pub and restaurant smoking ban poll push thanks to our WA colleagues.
- A request for a source of normal values for paediatric maximal Vo₂ testing
 - With the response, see Eur Respir J (2000 Dec) 16:6 p.1075-83 Ventilatory variables in normal children during rest and exercise.
 - And another, "I would have thought the Human Movement/Sports Science Department at the U of ?? would be a good source of this information!"

There are always attempts at discussion. But the question asked might be too difficult. One recently was, "where do the linear approximation equations derived

from the Polgar and Promadhat text come from? These are used in the Sensormedics systems.”

And now more about other sources of information...

Did you know that the US based [National Library of Medicine](#) provides a free service called Health Services Technology/Assessment Text. [HSTAT](#) is a free, Web-based resource of full-text documents that provide health information and support health care decision-making. HSTAT's audience includes health care providers, health service researchers, policy makers, payers, consumers and the information professionals who serve these groups. It's worth perusing, as you will find some useful information there.

[“World No Tobacco Day”](#) is run each year on May 31st. It's a worldwide event, the only one of its type, aimed at getting people off tobacco. Perhaps in our ANZSRS we can do something together to mark this day. Any thoughts?

If you want to check the time on your PC or Lab clocks, go to this [link](#). It helps when you find the time is different in each room!

That's all!

Happy surfing...

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