

Library Corner – October 2003

Another month has zipped by and the reading has been neglected again again again! Where do the months go? I really have missed out on the reading this month for a variety of reasons. Very little has crossed my desk and I have learned that unless the journals cross my desk via a routing system then I am very likely to miss them. I heartily recommend the use of a routing list on journals coming into the Department.

One paper that did come my way was an evaluation of the 6 minute walking test from the Blue Journal

Six-Minute Walk Distance in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Reproducibility and effect of walking course layout and length. F. Sciurba *et al*, *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*, 2003; **167**:1522-1527.

A paper in the European Journal looked into the management of difficult to treat asthma and came up with some interesting observations both relating to non concordance with therapy and misdiagnosis

Systematic assessment of difficult-to-treat asthma. D.S. Robinson *et al*. *Eur Respir J* 2003; **22**:478-483.

The same issue of the ERS Journal had a paper defining reference values for a Middle Eastern population

Spirometric reference values in a large Middle Eastern population. M.Golshan *et al*. *ibid* 529-534.

The July 1 issue of *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* had a couple of interesting papers in it that are worth a look. The first gives a Chinese perspective on dealing with the SARS crisis

Our Strategies for Fighting Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). N.S. Zhong and G.Q.Zeng. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2003; **168**:7-9.

The second provides an update on the respiratory muscles

Disorders of the Respiratory Muscles. F. Laghi and M.J.Tobin *ibid* 10-48.

For those with an interest in ventilatory control the same issue had an interesting paper from Jerome Dempsey

Controlled versus Assisted Mechanical Ventilation Effects on Respiratory Motor Output in Sleeping Humans. A.J Rice *et al* *ibid* 92-101.

That's it for this month. Happy browsing until next time,

Kevin.