

The clinical manifestations of sleep disorders are well described, and therapeutic approaches are suggested, if available. Many figures and tables conveniently summarize the scientific concepts and the diagnostic and treatment strategies. The methods used to diagnose and treat sleep abnormalities are described throughout the book. However, they are also presented in more detail in the last set of chapters, making it easy to find an answer to a specific methodologic question.

I highly recommend this book to the clinicians and medical students who would like to sleep well, knowing that they have done everything possible to make their patients' sleep restful and healthy.

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PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF MECHANICAL VENTILATION

Second edition. Edited by Martin J. Tobin. 1442 pp., illustrated. New York, McGraw-Hill, 2006. \$189.95.
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TWELVE YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE publication of the first edition of this reference book. The recently released second edition maintains the reputation of the first as the most comprehensive single source on mechanical ventilation. Its breadth and its up-to-date discussions of the topic make it an ideal reference for the busy clinician.

Editor Martin Tobin should be commended for his work on this new edition, which is a considerable improvement on the first — so much so that it bears little resemblance to its predecessor. There are 24 new chapters, bringing the total to 70, a testament to the major changes in mechanical ventilation that have occurred during the past decade. Contributions from prominent authorities add an international perspective, yet Tobin has been able to establish a relatively uniform style from chapter to chapter, making the book consistent and easy to read. The first chapter, a historical perspective on mechanical ventilation, makes the enormous advances in this field readily apparent. One example is the shift from negative-pressure iron-lung ventilation, in use for polio victims as recently as the 1960s in the United States, to positive-pressure bag ventilation, pio-

neered during the 1952 polio outbreak in Copenhagen.

One of the great strengths of the book is its wealth of information on the physiology, mechanics, and machinery of mechanical ventilation. It also takes a problem-based approach to treatment, which will appeal to clinicians. There are extensive chapters on acute lung injury, obstructive lung disease, neuromuscular weakness, alternative ventilatory modes, noninvasive ventilation, airway management, home ventilation, and weaning. The authors deal with such topics as agitation, ventilator-associated pneumonia, and even transport of a patient who is being ventilated. The book is well illustrated, with technical ventilator circuit diagrams, clinical radiographs, photographs of a wide array of respiratory therapy equipment, and many ventilator waveform tracings.

We checked the thoroughness of the book by searching through it for solutions to uncommon clinical problems we have confronted in our experience in an intensive care unit and a specialized post-intensive care rehabilitation unit. The book provides helpful advice on complex airway problems, diaphragmatic pacing, and ventilator-supported speech. It reinforces the idea that the era of the comprehensive reference book is not over, especially in the field of critical care.

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CORRECTION

A Genomic Strategy to Refine Prognosis in Early-Stage Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer (August 10, 2006;355:570-80). Figure 4 presents an analysis of samples from a Cancer and Leukemia Group B (CALGB) 9761 trial conducted to validate the performance of a predictive model for early-stage non-small-cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Some of the samples used for this analysis were from a study that was a lead-in to CALGB 9761, collected under a protocol that formed the basis for CALGB 9761 but before the official initiation of the trial. Review of these data also identified a systematic error in the entry of patients' ages in the database, along with a few additional errors in data on clinical stage and survival that do not affect the results or conclusions presented. Supplementary Tables 1 and 3, available on the *Journal's* Web site (www.nejm.org), now contain the corrected data. Also, the microarray data for the CALGB samples were generated as part of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Director's Challenge Lung Cancer Study and are now available at the NCI Lung Cancer Web site (<http://caarraydb.nci.nih.gov/caarray>; select "Search experiments" and enter the name of that study). Finally, the legends to Figures 3, 4, and 5 should

have read "Tick marks indicate patients whose data were censored by the time of last follow-up or owing to death," rather than "by the time of last follow-up owing to death." The article has been corrected on the *Journal's* Web site.

NOTICES

Notices submitted for publication should contain a mailing address and telephone number of a contact person or department. We regret that we are unable to publish all notices received. Notices also appear on the Journal's Web site (www.nejm.org/meetings). The listings can be viewed in their entirety or searched by location, month, or key word.

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ETHICAL ISSUES IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

The conference will be held in New York, April 20–22. Contact Dr. Subrata Saha, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, 450 Clarkson Ave., Box 30, Brooklyn, NY 11203; or call (718) 613-8652; or fax (718) 270-3983; or e-mail subrata.saha@downstate.edu.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESOURCE

The Web site offers free downloads of widely used clinical instruments for assessing disability in people with multiple sclerosis. The Web site is currently available at <http://www.nmss.org/Clinical%20Study%20Measures.asp>.

Contact National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017-3288; or call (800) 344-4867 (national) or (212) 986-3240 (NY); or fax (212) 986-7981; or e-mail nat@nmss.org; or see <http://www.nmss.org>.

ASTHMA AND ALLERGY FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

The AAFA is offering free educational materials to patients and health care professionals. The AAFA provides programs and services designed to strengthen the partnership between health care provider and patient.

Contact Mike Tringale, Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, 1233 20th St., NW, Suite 402, Washington, DC 20036; or call (800) 7-ASTHMA (national) or (202) 466-7643, extension 272 (Washington, DC); or fax (202) 466-8940; or e-mail mike@aafa.org; or see <http://www.aafa.org>.

INTERNATIONAL SURGICAL WEEK

The 42nd World Congress of the International Society of Surgery, "ISW 2007," will be held in Montreal, Aug. 26–30. Deadline for early registration is Jan. 31.

Contact Congress Secretariat ISW 2007, Opus 3 inc., 417 rue Saint-Pierre, Suite 203, Montreal, QC H2Y 2M4, Canada; or call (514) 906 19 79; or fax (514) 395 18 01; or e-mail isw2007@opus3.com; or see <http://www.isw2007.org>.

CARS 2007

The "21st International Congress and Exhibition of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery" will be held in Berlin, June 27–30.

Contact CARS Conference Office, Im Gut 15, 79790 Kuessberg, Germany; or call (49) 7742-922 434; or fax (49) 7742-922 438; or e-mail office@cars-int.org; or see <http://www.cars-int.org>.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENDOVASCULAR THERAPY

The symposium will be held in Hollywood, FL, Jan. 28–Feb. 1. Contact Public Communications, 35 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 1254, Chicago, IL 60601; or call (312) 558-1770; or see <http://www.iset.org>.

CURRENT CONTROVERSIES IN PULMONARY & CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE

The annual clinical conference and members meeting of the California Thoracic Society will be held in Carmel, CA, Feb. 2 and 3.

Contact California Thoracic Society, 202 Fashion Lane, Suite 219, Tustin, CA 92780; or call (714) 730-1944; or fax (714) 730-4057; or e-mail ctslung@aol.com; or see <http://www.thoracic.org/ca.html>.

6TH ANNUAL EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE: THE CUTTING EDGE

The meeting will be held in Aruba, Feb. 5–9. It is jointly sponsored by Medical Symposiums Incorporated and Texas College of Emergency Physicians.

Contact Melanie Levine, Medical Symposiums Inc., P.O. Box 965, Bellaire, TX 77402-0965; or call (800) 583-4181, access 05; or see <http://www.medicalsymposiums.com>.

MEDICAL SURGICAL SPECIALISTS

The following meetings will be held in Naples, FL: "Cutting Edge Diagnosis & Treatment: A Course for the Practicing Physician" (Feb. 8–10); "6th Annual Cleveland Clinic Otolaryngology Symposium" (March 15–17); "Geriatrics Update 2007: Contemporary Geriatrics for the Practicing Physician" (March 22–24); and "7th Bi-Annual Difficult Problems in Hand Surgery" (April 20 and 21).

Contact Department of CME, Medical Surgical Specialists, 6101 Pine Ridge Rd., Naples, FL 34119; or call (877) 675-7223, extension 44366 (national) or (239) 348-4366 (FL); or fax (239) 348-4287; or e-mail teri.antonucci@pmc.hma.org; or see <http://www.medical-surgical.org>.

26TH ANNUAL SQUAW VALLEY RETINAL SYMPOSIUM

The conference will be held in Squaw Valley, CA, Feb. 8–11. Contact Dr. Robert Wendel or Laura Wendel, 3939 J St., Suite 106, Sacramento, CA 95819; or call (916) 483-6299; or fax (916) 483-6297; or e-mail squawvalleyretina@comcast.net; or see <http://www.squawvalleyretina.com>.

CLEVELAND CLINIC FLORIDA

The following meetings will be held: "18th Annual International Colorectal Disease Symposium & Endorectal Ultrasonography Course" (Fort Lauderdale, FL, Feb. 14–17); "2nd Congress of the International Society of Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgeons" (Weston, FL, Feb. 13 and 14); "6th Annual Surgery of the Foregut Symposium & Endoscopy/Natural Orifice Surgery Workshop" (Coral Gables, FL, Feb. 18–21); "3rd Annual Bariatric Allied Health Symposium" (Coral Gables, FL, Feb. 19); and "Female Pelvic Floor Disorders" (Fort Lauderdale, FL, March 9–12).

Contact Department of CME, Cleveland Clinic Florida, 2950 Cleveland Clinic Blvd., Weston, FL 33331; or call (866) 293-7866 (national) or (954) 659-5490 (FL); or fax (954) 659-5491; or e-mail cme@ccf.org; or see <http://www.clevelandclinicflorida.org/research/cme>.

AMERICAN NEUROPSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

The "18th Annual Meeting" will be held in Tucson, AZ, Feb. 17–20.

Contact Sandra Bornstein, American Neuropsychiatric Association, 700 Ackerman Rd., Suite 625, Columbus, OH 43202; or call (614) 447-2077; or fax (614) 263-4366; or e-mail anpa@osu.edu; or see <http://www.anpaonline.org>.

IMED 2007: INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS ON EMERGING DISEASES AND SURVEILLANCE

The conference will be held in Vienna, Feb. 23–25. Contact International Society for Infectious Diseases, 1330 Beacon St., Suite 228, Brookline, MA 02446; or call (617) 277-0551; or fax (617) 278-9113; or e-mail info@isid.org; or see <http://imed.isid.org/>.