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Editors Welcome

Good day to you all

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and enthusiastic about respiratory medicine!

Happy All Hallows eve and safe Guy Fawkes night.

Here is the latest issue of eXhale, with some very interesting articles and links included.

I would like to take this opportunity, again, to point out this is the newsletter of the ARTP, made for the members. I would like to encourage people to submit articles, funnies, case studies, write ups, in fact anything at all - we are easy at eXhale!! We welcome all contributions to the newsletter.

We had an interesting contribution to eXhale this month, under "we feel your pain.....". Thank you to both Chris and Keith for restoring my scepticism in the ability of SpRs to interpret PFTs. It's nice to be reassured sometimes that I'm not just being horrible to them and that the softly-softly you know nothing approach can be justified.

I hope that you enjoy the newsletter!



HPC Name Change

Those that subscribe to the forum will be aware that the HPC has changed it's name to Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) as of the first of August 2012 to incorporate the Social Workers register.

I did try to get far more information for you readers but when ever I clicked any links "an error had occurred". Maybe we can rent Keith out to them for a fee.

However, if you do want to explore this further, the homepage address is

<http://www.hcpc.org.uk/>

New CPD Guidance from the RCCP

Those of you who have never opted out of getting information from The RCCP will have received notification of this already.

The RCCP have sent a reminder that as part of our registration we are required to complete CPD on an annual basis.

The RCCP do carry out an audit on a percentage of the register by requesting their CPD portfolio in the format as per the enclosed documents.

It is therefore in your interest to do this on a regular basis rather than leaving it until you are requested to send it in.

I can tell you where all the bits for my CPD are - they are equally spread between home and work in a variety of drawers..... Don't do as I do!



<http://www.hcpc.org.uk/>

IQIPS Accreditation

Dear all,

Just so everyone is aware, registration has now opened for respiratory/sleep services who wish to register and complete the online SAIT (Self Assessment Improvement Tool) - the first step for services who wish to proceed to Accreditation.

There is more information on the IQIPS Accreditation project on their website (www.iqips.org.uk). IQIPS was also discussed at the recent National Strategy Day meeting, and the slides are now on the website and there is also an article in the recently published Inspire. There will also be a session at our next conference too.

I am more than happy for people to contact me off forum (chair@artp.org.uk) if they have any specific queries.

Thanks

Martyn Bucknall
Honorary Chairman, ARTP

CSO Bulletin

October 2012 CSO Bulletin now available

The Chief Scientific Officer's Bulletin for October 2012 is now available.

This month's edition contains information and booking details about the November healthcare science events, the launch of the Academy for Healthcare Science at the Houses of Parliament and the latest updates on the health and care system.

[Read the October 2012 CSO Bulletin](#)

ARTP Conference Registration - Now Open



Conference Programme

Our programme for 2013 is truly outstanding and there is not enough space available to detail all the sessions here.

The programme is nearing completion with final speaker line up currently being confirmed.

Key speakers already confirmed include:

- Professor Denis O'Donnell, Quebec
- Professor Sue Ward, Crickhowell
- Professor Sally Singh, Leicester
- Professor John Stradling, Oxford
- Dr. Adrian Kendrick, Bristol
- Dr. David Kilner, London
- Professor Peter Burney, London
- Dr. Steve Cunningham, Edinburgh

Plenary Sessions within the programme are:

- Exercise Testing - In Memory of Professor Brian Whipp
- Lung Function Issues in Primary Care
- FeNO
- Modernising Scientific Careers - Early Days
- Keynote Lectures will be given by: Professor Denis O'Donnell speaking on 'Why we need more Respiratory Physiology' - The P. K. Morgan Memorial Lecture
- Professor John Stradling speaking on 'The Future Direction of Sleep Apnoea Services

For more information on the Conference please follow the below link:

<http://www.artp.org.uk/en/meetings/artp-annual-conference-2013/index.cfm>

ARTP Special Award Nominations

The aim of the ARTP Special Award for Service to Respiratory Measurement is to recognise the achievements of individuals in promoting or advancing the ideals and standards in respiratory physiology and measurement practice.



ARTP Special Award Winners 2012

Professor Kim Prisk
U.C.L.A., San Diego, USA

Keith Butterfield
Dorchester, UK

Dr Mark Levy (*unpictured*)
Kenton, UK

Nominations should be using the correct nomination form and posted to ARTP conference administration or scanned, converted to PDF format and emailed to conference@artp.org.uk to be received by midday on Friday 30th November 2012.

ARTP National Strategy Day



Thank you to all those who attended the ARTP National Strategy day.

This meeting provided an update, including new vital information, regarding changes taking place in the scientific workforce of the NHS. Topics included Modern Scientific Careers (MSC), and updates from representatives from the Academy for Healthcare Sciences, the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists, the National School of Healthcare Science and the Department of Health.

All of the presentations given, except for the update from the Department of Health's Chief Scientific Officer, are available in the members section of the website

<http://www.artp.org.uk/en/members-area/resources/meetings/2012strategy.cfm>

Interesting query

This was sent on the forum this month. I have included it in this edition of eXhale because it is a point well made, and I feel this will not be the last time we will hear this query - also feedback to Martyn would be appreciated

I have forwarded the below email from Judy at the BLF, who is heading up the BLF work (together with many organisations, inc ARTP) around raising awareness of OSA etc

If anybody has any information or experience of patients using CPAP who get some assistance in paying their electricity bill, please can you let me know, and I will forward to Judy.

Thanks as always

Martyn Bucknall
Chair, ARTP

From: Judy Harris [Judy.Harris@blf.org.uk]

Dear colleagues,

We have just had this enquiry through our helpline – does any-one have any experience of patients getting assistance to pay their electricity bill for CPAP use?

Please enter your query

I'm working as a fuel poverty advocate with 2 clients. 1 is on oxygen and gets a rebate on his electricity, the other has COPD and sleep apnoea requiring an air mask throughout the night. He is not eligible for any assistance with his electricity. Can I ask why this might be? and if this is the case can this financial burden be included within your campaign? particularly in this time of increased fuel poverty.

Lung Improvement Bulletin

The Lung Improvement Programme aims to support clinical teams, commissioners, service managers and other key stakeholders deliver effective clinical practice through process improvement and redesign.

They send regular bulletins and updates around. The latest one can be found at;

<http://www.improvement.nhs.uk/lung/Resources/LungImprovementEBulletinArchives/tabid/143/Default.aspx>

Website and Communication Survey

The ARTP Executive committee spends a large proportion of the memberships fees on advertisements, flyers, the website, etc, and are interested in knowing if this expenditure is well invested. Between Monday 22nd Oct 2012 and Friday 30th Nov 2012 we are running a survey to see how you, the membership, perceives the ARTP website and the mail notifications you receive.

This survey is not in the 'Members Only' section of the site, and you can reach it directly by following this link:

<http://www.artp.org.uk/en/communications/surveys-and-polls.cfm>

It should only take about 5 minutes to complete, and will provide us with valuable information on any future communications you receive.

Respiratory Health Awareness Dates 2012

Bored of staying in the lab?

Fancy getting out their?

How about a screening event, or health awareness drive.

Dates for your diary include;

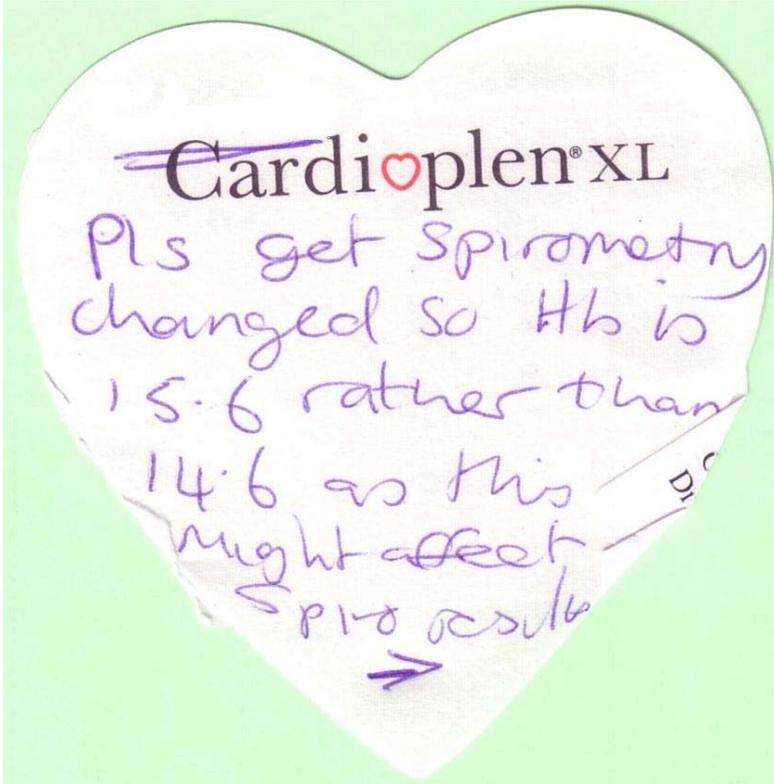
14th November 2012 World COPD Day

<http://www.goldcopd.org/wcd-home.html>



If you, or anyone in your area, are arranging an event, why not let us know about it!?

We feel your pain.....



Can anyone spot the “deliberate mistake”?

ARTP Travel Grants

Please Note: Grants are only available to ARTP Members.

Meeting Grants

Grants are available for the following meetings and must be received by ARTP Admin by the stated date.

Grant Availability (annually)

ERS Meeting	(5 @ £1000)	1st June
ARTP Conference	(10 @ £500 max*)	1st November
CSO Conference	(5 @£300)	1st June

(*If you are applying for your registration fees as a travel grant please also specify this on your ARTP conference registration form)

Travel / Experience Grants

Grants to allow ARTP members to extend their work experience or learning practices are also available.

(£1500 total fund, at the discretion of Executive Committee)

How to Apply for a Grant

To apply for any of these grants please use the form available from the website (About ARTP | Membership | Travel Grants).

Forthcoming Education and Events - 2012 & 2013

8 - 9 Nov 2012	ARNS end of life care	Cheltenham
9 - 16 Nov 2012	Spirometry course	North Tyneside
13 - 14 Nov 2012	Spirometry training and interpretation	Wythenshawe
21 Nov 2012	Spirometry refresher day	Walsall
21 - 22 Nov 2012	Spirometry foundation and full certificate	Staffordshire
22 - 24 Nov 2012	Spirometry training and interpretation	Glamorgan
26 - 27 Nov 2012	ARTP Non-Invasive Ventilation Course	Novotel, Birmingham
26 - 27 Nov 2012	Spirometry course	Royal Brompton Hospital
27 - 28 Nov 2012	Spirometry Course	Hinchingbrooke Hospital NHS Trust
6 - 7 Dec 2012	Spirometry foundation course	Manchester
17 - 18 Dec 2012	Spirometry certificate	Wolverhampton
7 - 9 Feb 2013	ARTP Conference	Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley

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