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## Book notice

*Mechanical Ventilation. Physiological and Clinical Applications.* (Faculty Lecture Series in Respiratory Care.) Susan P Pilbeam. (Pp 375; figs; £18 softback.) Denver, Colorado: Multi-Media Publishing Inc, 1986. ISBN 0 940122 18 9.

This book is written by a respiratory therapist for the guidance of trainees in respiratory therapy. There are no equivalent specialists in the United Kingdom, although a good deal of the work covered by them is performed by physiotherapists. The book concentrates on the technical and physiological aspects of mechanical ventilation and does not attempt to explore in depth its more medical aims and consequences. It is very well produced, with clear and simple diagrams. Inevitably many of the statements made are rather rigid and simplistic; for example, reference to the Radford nomogram and to data derived from this is relied on very heavily in the recommendations about ventilatory settings. The book is very easy to read, has useful references at the end of each chapter, and could be read with benefit by anyone who is starting off in a branch of medicine in which contact with mechanical ventilation is to be anticipated.—JCS

## Notices

### Cystic fibrosis

A special all day meeting will be held in Manchester, by the paediatrics section of the Royal Society of Medicine, on "The Current Clinical Management of Cystic Fibrosis" on 18 February 1987. Further details are available from Dr TJ David, Booth Hall Children's Hospital, Manchester M9 2AA.

### Lung pathology course

A course on lung pathology will be held at the Brompton Hospital, London, on 16-18 March 1987. Further details may be obtained from the Postgraduate Course Secretary, Cardiothoracic Institute, London SW3 6HP.

### Interaction between heart and lung

An international congress entitled "Interaction Between Heart and Lung," sponsored by the European Society of Cardiology and the European Society for Clinical Respiratory Physiology, will be held in Munich from 9 to 11 April 1987. Further information may be obtained from Dr med HP Emslander, I Med Klinik TUM, Klinikum rechts der Isar, Ismaninger Str 22, D 8000 Munchen 80, Federal Republic of Germany.

### 17th Annual Fleischner Society Symposium on Chest Disease

The 17th Annual Fleischner Society Symposium on Chest Disease will be held from 21 to 23 May 1987 at the St Francis Hotel, San Francisco, California. Further information may be obtained from Nomi Feldman, 3770 Tansy, San Diego, California 92121, USA.