

# A NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER



Welcome to the November/December issue of FOCUS Journal. We start this issue off with management guru, Phil Perry, who has written an interesting piece on "first-time" mistakes that new managers often make. It's an excellent piece, full of tips for new managers and veteran managers, alike. Check it out on page 10. Bill Wojciechowski then provides a thorough review on the rates of oxygen diffusion versus carbon dioxide diffusion in the lungs, something many have all but forgotten since they originally learned about it in school. Bill's article begins on page 14. Regina Patrick, one of our sleep writers, writes about chronotherapy and cancer beginning on page 18 and on page 20, managers will find an interesting piece by Marilyn Kennedy having to do with surviving a new CEO. Jim Harvey, our pulmonary function columnist, submitted a very interesting article on the transplanted lung found on page 36 and Dr. Herbert Patrick has turned in a piece pertaining to the percentage of patients in specialized "Respiratory Units" who are actually liberated from the ventilator. This article is found on page 12. Patrick Sorenson, another of our sleep columnists, writes about the practice of allowing parental co-sleeping in the pediatric sleep laboratory (page 38), and Dave Wheeler discusses how kindness and compassion can make the difference in a respiratory therapy preceptor program. Check Dave's article out on page 42. Sleep writer Steve Grenard, writes a thought-provoking article on whether or not sleep testing for OSAHS and CPAP will soon go "over the counter". Find out what the trends are on page 44. Ethics columnist, Leah Curtin, writes a poignant piece about end-of-life care and the need for creating workable policies surrounding that care. It starts on page 62. Duane Johnson is excited about the revenue producing possibilities he sees in sleep DME. Get your lab in on that potential by checking out his piece on page 46. One of our homecare columnists, Vernon Pertelle, discusses the very important payment changes occurring in that arena on page 50 and Stephanie Richardson, one of our scientific technical writers, focuses on nebulizer technology. Her article begins on page 56.

In this issue, FOCUS also recognizes the accomplishments of two outstanding companies who have been serving pulmonary medicine and respiratory care for many years. The first, is the Draeger Corporation which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year (see story on page 66). The second, is the Hans Rudolph Corporation, which celebrates their 47th anniversary with a move into a new corporate and manufacturing headquarters. See their story on page 68.

We continue the issue with John Salyer's column in neonatal respiratory care on page 64 and Dave Gourley's article on how the JCAHO has expanded emergency management requirements, something that will be of crucial importance to our manager-readers. Meanwhile, education columnist, Sandra McCleaster, writes about keeping the process of continuing education honest and Mike McPeck writes in his Aerosol Medicine column, a very interesting piece on nasal drug delivery. John Marini discusses how breathing

patterns can be used as weaning predictors on page 76 and Ken Capek discusses how to best prepare for getting your Hyperbaric service accredited on page 68. Dave Gourley contributes a second piece in this issue on his recent trip to China which he made with a delegation of respiratory therapists. Read about his trip on page 82. Don Steinart has sent us an informative article on fetal lung maturity and the L/S ratio, which starts on page 24, and in this issue, we introduce two brand new columns that will appear on a regular basis in all future issues. One column pertains to pharmaceuticals used in sleep medicine written for us by Dr. Michael Decker PhD, RRT. The second, pertains to pharmaceuticals used in respiratory care, written for us by Dr. Douglas Gardenhire EdD, RRT-NPS. Both of these doctors will keep readers abreast of the latest drugs being used in respiratory care and sleep medicine. Welcome, Michael and Doug!

This issue continues with a contest-winning article by student Jerolyn Patterson, an RT student at Midlands Technical College in Columbia, South Carolina who writes on traumatic brain injury. Jerolyn's article was picked from 9 submitted for consideration. She now wins a \$100 gift certificate as well as a free pass to the 2008 FOCUS Conference in Nashville (a \$325 value). Her school also receives a \$100 donation to its RT program. (Educators reading this are encouraged to have their students submit their papers for possible publication and prizes to our Craig Baker at bakerct78@yahoo.com.) Dave Kissin presents a good review of the meaning and measurement of mixed venous oxygen saturation and Stephanie Richardson contributes a piece on arterial blood gas analysis. We end the issue with our Industry News section as well as our Product Highlights, and our Employment section as well.

Lastly, don't forget to plan for the 8th annual FOCUS conference next April 10-12, in Nashville. Our program of speakers is now complete and is, without a doubt, the best lineup we've ever put together. Check out the whole conference by visiting our website at [www.foocus.com](http://www.foocus.com) and while you're at it, register for a chance to win a free registration. We're giving out one free registration a month from now until conference time – (congratulations Juanita Trine RRT of Ventura, CA – our first winner!)

In closing, I want to thank you all for another wonderful year of publishing FOCUS Journal and for all of your support. From my family to yours, have a safe and happy holiday season and a great new year.

Regards,  
Bob Miglino RRT BSRT MPS - Publisher

## ATTENTION DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

For its 2008 conference in Nashville, Focus is allowing Respiratory Care Department Directors and Sleep Lab Managers who register (at the regular conference fee of \$325), to bring their "significant other" to the conference totally free of charge.

This is an unparalleled offer, so seize the opportunity to combine a great academic experience with a wonderful mini-getaway vacation with your loved one.

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