

Noninvasive and Home Mechanical Ventilation: ICU and Beyond

WHEN: June 22-24, 2007

WHERE: Le Centre Sheraton, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

WHAT: An important conference (alternates every two years between Lyon, France, and North America) devoted to all aspects of assisted ventilation.

Conference topics include noninvasive ventilation in acute care, management of acute crises in individuals using long-term assisted ventilation, interfaces and ventilators, assisted ventilation beyond the ICU – where and when, European experiences with long-term ventilation, pediatric applications, the role of noninvasive ventilation in people with COPD and obesity hypoventilation syndrome, caregiver burnout, sex and the ventilator user, long-term ventilatory management in neuromuscular diseases, reimbursement issues, cough/secretion management, telemedicine and its use for ventilator users . . . and MORE.

Plus exhibits of the latest in ventilatory equipment and masks.

SPEAKERS: Experts in noninvasive ventilation, including:
Nicholas Hill, Barry Make, Josh Benditt, David Birnkrant, Peter Gay, Allen Goldberg, Roger Goldstein, Dean Hess, Sean Keenan, Angela King, Noah Lechtzin, Douglas McKim, Stefano Nava, Barbara Rogers, Dominique Robert, Anita Simonds, Alexander White.

REGISTRATION: Ventilator users (\$175.00), as well as respiratory health professionals, are invited to attend. (Early registration closes May 22.) For registration information and the complete conference program, go to www.chestnet.org/education/courses/NMHV07/registration.php

Looking for ventilator users living at home in Massachusetts

Miguel Divo, MD, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center of Boston, is currently conducting a census of mechanically ventilated patients living at home in Massachusetts. To complete his brief survey, email him at mdivo@copdnet.org or contact IVUN for a copy. ▲

Ventilator Users' Medical Emergency (VUME)

Project Leader Virginia Brickley reports that a cadre of health professionals and ventilator users are putting the final touches on the packet of materials to help ventilator users, their caregivers and their health professionals improve the outcome of a medical emergency. The project is funded by a grant from the Christopher Reeve Foundation. ▲