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NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION IN HOSPITAL AND AT HOME: THE ROLE OF VENTILATORY SUPPORT UNITS

Joint Royal College of Physicians and British Thoracic Society Conference

Monday 17 March 2003

The conference will explore the role of ventilatory support units in the provision of non-invasive ventilation in acute respiratory failure, in caring for patients using ventilatory support at home, and in weaning patients from invasive ventilation. The changing pattern of referral to such units will be explored. Ethical issues regarding ventilation of patients with progressive diseases and withdrawal of ventilatory support will be discussed.

09.00 *Registration & coffee*

09.25 **Opening remarks**

Professor Carol Black CBE, President, Royal College of Physicians and
Dr Ian Campbell, President-Elect, The British Thoracic Society

Chairman Dr William Kinnear, University Hospital, Nottingham
Conference Organiser

09.30 **Home mechanical ventilation in the UK: international perspective**
Professor Jadwiga Wedzicha, St Bartholomews Hospital, London

09.50 *Discussion*

10.00 **Home mechanical ventilation in the UK: where have we come from,
where should we be going?**

Dr Craig Davidson, St Thomas's Hospital, London

10.20 *Discussion*

10.30 **Who should be referred to a respiratory support unit and when?**

Dr Mark Elliott, St James's University Hospital, Leeds

10.50 *Discussion*

11.00 *Coffee*

11.20 **New developments in the diagnosis and treatment of neuromuscular
diseases – implications for respiratory support units**

Dr Anita Simonds, Royal Brompton Hospital, London

11.40 *Discussion*

11.50 **The obesity epidemic – implications for respiratory support units**

Dr John Wilding, University Hospital Aintree, Liverpool

12.10 *Discussion*

Chairman: Professor Carol Black

12.20 MITCHELL LECTURE: Tuberculosis and respiratory failure – a modern perspective
Dr John Shneerson, Papworth Hospital

13.10 *Lunch*

Chairman: Dr William Kinnear

14.10 **Home mechanical ventilation and critical care networks – implications of the NHS Modernisation Agency report**
Professor Timothy Evans, Royal Brompton Hospital, London

14.30 *Discussion*

14.40 **Why do we need specialist weaning centres?**
Dr Simon Baudouin, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne

15.00 *Discussion*

15.10 **Long-term ventilation at home of the ventilator-dependent patient**
Dr John Watts, Southport and Ormskirk District General Hospital

15.30 *Discussion*

15.40 *Tea*

16.00 **Setting up an acute non-invasive ventilation service**
Dr David Boldy, Pilgrim Hospital, Boston

16.20 *Discussion*

16.30 **Ethical and legal dilemmas in withdrawing or withholding ventilatory support**

Dr Margaret Branthwaite, Barrister

16.50 *Discussion*

17.00 *Close of conference and reception*