



Editor's Column

Johnny Yick-Chun CHAN 陳亦俊

Department of Paediatrics, Kwong Wah Hospital, Hong Kong

Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) is a serious but relatively rare cause of paediatric intensive care unit admission with high mortality. The management of paediatric ARDS is challenging as there is limited number of paediatric clinical trials, and there is no definite guideline available. Mr. CY Li presented a nice review on the recent advances in the management of paediatric ARDS, including the use of noninvasive positive pressure ventilation (NPPV), lower tidal volume, conservative fluid management, prone position, high frequency oscillation ventilation, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and nutritional support.

On the other hand, Dr. TW Wong reported an illustrative case of a 54-day old boy presented initially with croup. His respiratory distress persisted despite standard treatment for croup, and his underlying subglottic stenosis was subsequently confirmed with endoscopic examination. The diagnostic approach and management of subglottic stenosis were nicely summarised.

Last but not least, your Editor is excited to announce that our official journal of the Hong Kong Society of Paediatric Respiriology and Allergy, Journal of Paediatric Respiriology and Critical Care, has agreed to join the other two representative journals in the Asia-Pacific region, namely The Journal of the Asian Paediatric Pulmonology Society and The Journal of the Society of Pediatric Pulmonology, Taiwan, R.O.C. The new conjoint journal, Pediatric Respiriology and Critical Care Medicine, will have its debut issue published in the coming December. Through promoting world-class research work in our region, this is certainly a promising step in the development in paediatric respiratory medicine. In this final issue of our society journal in its current form, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our Founding Editor, Dr Daniel Ng, for his enormous contributions in the establishment and development of our society journal. We would also like to thank all respectable authors of our previously published articles for their continuous support and contributions to our society journal.

Have fun with the X-ray quiz by Dr. CC Au and Dr. Charlotte Kwong!