

## **ORIGINAL PAPERS**

### [IMPROVEMENTS IN CLINICAL OUTCOMES IN CHILDREN WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS AGED SIX AND 16 YEARS](#)

Finn et al report an improvement in outcomes for children with Cystic Fibrosis. The clinical parameters FEV1 and BMI are better. There has been a decline in the incidence of chronic Pseudomonas.

### [TRAINEE'S PREPAREDNESS FOR PAEDIATRIC WORK](#)

McCrossan et al report the findings of a questionnaire that was circulated to both consultants and SHOs on the latter's preparedness for paediatric work. There was discrepancy in the replies between the 2 groups. SHOs rated their readiness for procedures, teamwork, and outpatients as significantly lower than that of the consultants.

### [OPTIMAL TIMING OF CT SCANNING IN THE RAPID ACCESS LUNG CANCER CLINIC](#)

Hennessy et al demonstrate that CT scanning plays a vital role in the work-up of suspected lung cancer. They describe 2372 first attendances, 91% had a chest CT scan. 866 patients diagnosed with cancer, all had an abnormal CT scan.

### [THE ROLE OF ENDOBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND IN EARLY-STAGE NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER](#)

Cullivan et al describe their experience with endobronchial ultrasound (EBUS) in early non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). Their study found high rates of nodal discordance in patients who underwent EBUS which contrasts with existing data.

### [NATIONAL GUIDELINES ON THE PROVISION OF OUTPATIENT PARENTERAL ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY \(OPAT\)](#)

Sweeney et al describe the administration of an outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy service. It requires a designated team approach. It should include a clinical lead, a nurse, and a pharmacist.

### [EXPLORATION OF FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH INTENTION, INITIATION AND DURATION OF BREASTFEEDING](#)

Callaghan et al studied 131 women who intended to breastfeed. 120 women initiated breastfeeding. 86 and 73 women respectively were still breastfeeding at 1 month and 3 months respectively. A longer duration of breastfeeding was associated with a higher education and a lower BMI.

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