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Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbations Jadwiga A. Wedzicha 2008-09-22 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbations covers the definition, diagnosis, epidemiology, mechanisms, and treatment associated with COPD exacerbations. This text also addresses imaging and how it plays a pivotal role in the diagnosis and study of exacerbations. Written by today's top experts, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Exacerbat

The Central Nervous System Control of Respiration Gert Holstege 2014 Respiration is one of the most basic motor activities crucial for survival of the individual. It is under total control of the central nervous system, which adjusts respiratory depth and frequency depending on the circumstances the individual finds itself. For this reason this volume not only reviews the basic control systems of respiration, located in the caudal brainstem, but also the higher brain regions, that change depth and frequency of respiration. Scientific knowledge of these systems is crucial for understanding the problems in the many patients suffering from respiratory failure. This well-established international series examines major areas of basic and clinical research within neuroscience, as well as emerging subfields.

The Human Respiratory System Clara Mihaela Ionescu 2013-08-19 The Human Respiratory System combines emerging ideas from biology and mathematics to show the reader how to produce models for the development of biomedical engineering applications associated with the lungs and airways. Mathematically mature but in its infancy as far as engineering uses are concerned, fractional calculus is the basis of the methods chosen for system analysis and modelling. This reflects two decades' worth of conceptual development which is now suitable for bringing to bear in biomedical engineering. The text reveals the latest trends in modelling and identification of human respiratory parameters with a view to developing diagnosis and monitoring technologies. Of special interest is the notion of fractal structure which is indicative of the large-scale biological efficiency of the pulmonary system. The related idea of fractal dimension represents the adaptations in fractal structure caused by environmental factors, notably including disease. These basics are linked to model the dynamical patterns of breathing as a whole. The ideas presented in the book are validated using real data generated from healthy subjects and respiratory patients and rest on non-invasive measurement methods. The Human Respiratory System will be of interest to applied mathematicians studying the modelling of biological systems, to clinicians with interests outside the traditional borders of medicine, and to engineers working with technologies of either direct medical significance or for mitigating changes in the respiratory system caused by, for example, high-altitude or deep-sea environments.

Respiratory Epidemiology Isabella Annesi-Maesano 2014-09-01 Over the last decade, the volume of research into the pathophysiology and genetics of pulmonary diseases has increased greatly. This has led to the development of new treatments and therapies for many diseases, including lung cancer, asthma and cystic fibrosis. This issue of the ERS Monograph comprehensively demonstrates the developments in respiratory medicine in recent years. It outlines the importance of epidemiology in respiratory medicine, and will prove a methodological tool that will help disease management. It should also be used as an advocacy tool for the sake of public health.

Textbook of Children's Environmental Health Philip J. Landrigan 2013-11-15 Over the past four decades, the prevalence of autism, asthma, ADHD, obesity, diabetes, and birth defects

have grown substantially among children around the world. Not coincidentally, more than 80,000 new chemicals have been developed and released into the global environment during this same period. Today the World Health Organization attributes 36% of all childhood deaths to environmental causes. Children's environmental health is a new and expanding discipline that studies the profound impact of chemical and environmental hazards on child health. Amid mounting evidence that children are exquisitely sensitive to their environment-and that exposure during their developmental "windows of susceptibility" can trigger cellular changes that lead to disease and disability in infancy, childhood, and across the life span-there is a compelling need for continued scientific study of the relationship between children's health and environment. The Textbook of Children's Environmental Health codifies the knowledge base and offers an authoritative and comprehensive guide to this important new field. Edited by two internationally recognized pioneers in the area, this volume presents up-to-date information on the chemical, biological, physical, and societal hazards that confront children in today's world: pesticides, indoor and outdoor air pollution, lead, arsenic, phthalates, bisphenol A, brominated flame retardants, ionizing radiation, electromagnetic fields, and the built environment. It presents carefully documented data on rising rates of disease in children, offers a critical summary of new research linking pediatric disease with environmental exposures, and explores the cellular, molecular, and epigenetic mechanisms underlying diseases of environmental origin. With this volume's emphasis upon integrating theory and practice, readers will find practical approaches to channeling scientific findings into evidence-based strategies for preventing and identifying the environmental hazards that cause disease in children. It is a landmark work that will serve as the field's benchmark for years to come.

Innovative In Vitro Models for Pulmonary Physiology and Drug Delivery in Health and Disease Josue Sznitman 2021-12-28

Occupational Outlook Handbook United States. Bureau of Labor Statistics 1976

Respiration I. Hutás 2013-10-22 Advances in Physiological Sciences, Volume 10: Respiration focuses on the movements in respiratory research, including studies on the breathing process in humans; how respiratory muscles aid in respiration; and how various drugs affect breathing. The book also presents how respiratory muscles in humans, birds, and mammals function during different activities. The text also outlines the diseases that arise due to limited expiratory airflow and how muscles undergo fatigue. Divided into nine parts and organized into 77 chapters, the book further looks into the function of the lung during respiration through the comparison of the breathing patterns of humans, birds, and mammals. The text also elaborates how drugs are instituted in various laboratory exercises to determine their effects on the respiratory system in all the subjects mentioned. The book also identifies the different parts of the body that are involved in the breathing process. Readers and scholars who are interested in research concerning the trends in respiratory physiology will find this book interesting.

Fundamental Structural Aspects and Features in the Bioengineering of the Gas Exchangers: Comparative Perspectives J.N. Maina 2002-02-14 The history of biology is replete with examples of how comparative biology helped clarify the meaning of structure and function in complex animals. Indeed, without the comparative approach to biology, the birth of physiology would have been delayed. Fishman (1979) Comparative morphologists

are challenged to discern the changes that have occurred in evolution and development of the forms and states of organisms as well as to explain the factors that compelled them (e.g. Dullemeijer 1974). The main objective of this contribution is to present what I deem to be some of the fundamental structural aspects in the design of respiratory organs while debating and speculating on when, how and why these states were founded. My main thesis is that the modern gas exchangers are products of protracted processes that have enabled adaptation to specific environments and lifestyles. Only those feasible designs that have proven adequately competent in meeting demands for molecular oxygen have been preserved. Unfortunately, August Krogh's (Krogh 1941) and Pierre Dejours' (Dejours 1975) seminal works on the comparative physiology of the respiratory organs have not been paralleled by equally extensive and detailed morphological work. Our approach has been to look into the limiting functional properties as regards the respiratory capacities of gas exchangers while finding out the specific structural adaptations that have evolved to meet the metabolic needs or to look into form and to discern how it limits function. This has allowed a deduction of structure-function correlation.

How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease 2010 This report considers the biological and behavioral mechanisms that may underlie the pathogenicity of tobacco smoke. Many Surgeon General's reports have considered research findings on mechanisms in assessing the biological plausibility of associations observed in epidemiologic studies. Mechanisms of disease are important because they may provide plausibility, which is one of the guideline criteria for assessing evidence on causation. This report specifically reviews the evidence on the potential mechanisms by which smoking causes diseases and considers whether a mechanism is likely to be operative in the production of human disease by tobacco smoke. This evidence is relevant to understanding how smoking causes disease, to identifying those who may be particularly susceptible, and to assessing the potential risks of tobacco products.

Targeting Chronic Inflammatory Lung Diseases Using Advanced Drug Delivery Systems Kamal Dua 2020-08-04 Targeting Chronic Inflammatory Lung Diseases Using Advanced Drug Delivery Systems explores the development of novel therapeutics and diagnostics to improve pulmonary disease management, looking down to the nanoscale level for an efficient system of targeting and managing respiratory disease. The book examines numerous nanoparticle-based drug systems such as nanocrystals, dendrimers, polymeric micelles, protein-based, carbon nanotube, and liposomes that can offer advantages over traditional drug delivery systems. Starting with a brief introduction on different types of nanoparticles in respiratory disease conditions, the book then focuses on current trends in disease pathology that use different in vitro and in vivo models. The comprehensive resource is designed for those new to the field and to specialized scientists and researchers involved in pulmonary research and drug development. Explores recent perspectives and challenges regarding the management and diagnosis of chronic respiratory diseases Provides insights into how advanced drug delivery systems can be effectively formulated and delivered for the management of various pulmonary diseases Includes the most recent information on diagnostic methods and treatment strategies using controlled drug delivery systems (including nanotechnology)

Respiratory Diseases Research at NIOSH Institute of Medicine 2008-07-07 Respiratory diseases caused by exposures to dangerous materials in the workplace have tremendous implications for worker health and, by extension, the national economy. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) estimates that deaths from work-related respiratory diseases and cancers account for about 70% of all occupational disease deaths. NIOSH conducts research in order to detect and reduce work-related hazardous exposures, injuries, and diseases; its Respiratory Disease Research Program (RDRP) focuses on respiratory diseases. This National Research Council book reviews the RDRP to evaluate the 1) relevance of its work to improvements in occupational safety and health and 2) the impact of research in reducing workplace respiratory illnesses. The assessment reveals that the program has made essential

contributions to preventing occupational respiratory disease. The National Research Council has rated the Program a 5 out of 5 for relevance, and a 4 out of 5 for impact. To further increase its effectiveness, the Respiratory Disease Research Program should continue and expand its current efforts, provide resources for occupational disease surveillance, and include exposure assessment scientists in its activities.

Global Surveillance, Prevention and Control of Chronic Respiratory Diseases World Health Organization 2007 Chronic respiratory diseases, such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, kill more than 4 million people every year, and affect hundreds of millions more. These diseases erode the health and well-being of the patients and have a negative impact on families and societies. This report raises awareness of the huge impact of chronic respiratory diseases worldwide, and highlights the risk factors as well as ways to prevent and treat these diseases.

The Global Impact of Respiratory Disease Darcy D. Marciniuk 2017

The Wim Hof Method Wim Hof 2020-09-24 STAR OF BBC ONE'S FREEZE THE FEAR 'I've never felt so alive' JOE WICKS 'A fascinating look at Wim's incredible life and method' FEARNE COTTON My hope is to inspire you to retake control of your body and life by unleashing the immense power of the mind. 'The Iceman' Wim Hof shares his remarkable life story and powerful method for supercharging your health and happiness. Refined over forty years and championed by scientists across the globe, you'll learn how to harness three key elements of Cold, Breathing and Mindset to take ownership over your own mind and wellbeing. 'The book will change your life' BEN FOGLE 'Wim is a legend of the power ice has to heal and empower' BEAR GRILLS Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries Dean T. Jamison 2006-04-02 Based on careful analysis of burden of disease and the costs of interventions, this second edition of 'Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries, 2nd edition' highlights achievable priorities; measures progress toward providing efficient, equitable care; promotes cost-effective interventions to targeted populations; and encourages integrated efforts to optimize health. Nearly 500 experts - scientists, epidemiologists, health economists, academicians, and public health practitioners - from around the world contributed to the data sources and methodologies, and identified challenges and priorities, resulting in this integrated, comprehensive reference volume on the state of health in developing countries.

Oxford Textbook of Critical Care Webb 2020-01-10 Now in paperback, the second edition of the Oxford Textbook of Critical Care is a comprehensive multi-disciplinary text covering all aspects of adult intensive care management. Uniquely this text takes a problem-orientated approach providing a key resource for daily clinical issues in the intensive care unit. The text is organized into short topics allowing readers to rapidly access authoritative information on specific clinical problems. Each topic refers to basic physiological principles and provides up-to-date treatment advice supported by references to the most vital literature. Where international differences exist in clinical practice, authors cover alternative views. Key messages summarise each topic in order to aid quick review and decision making. Edited and written by an international group of recognized experts from many disciplines, the second edition of the Oxford Textbook of Critical Care provides an up-to-date reference that is relevant for intensive care units and emergency departments globally. This volume is the definitive text for all health care providers, including physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, and other allied health professionals who take care of critically ill patients.

Fish Respiration Steve F. Perry 1998-07-06 Fish Respiration synthesizes classical literature and highlights recent developments pertaining to the respiratory physiology of fishes. Compiled by a team of international researchers, this comprehensive and authoritative review of the respiratory physiology of fishes will appeal to any comparative physiologist interested in this subject. First volume in the series dedicated solely to the respiratory system Contributors are world leaders in their respective areas Includes completely up-to-date material on the topic of fish physiology

Pediatric and Neonatal Mechanical Ventilation Peter C. Rimensberger 2014-11-12 Written by outstanding authorities from all over the world, this comprehensive new textbook on pediatric and neonatal ventilation puts the focus on the effective delivery of respiratory support to children, infants and newborns. In the early chapters, developmental issues concerning the respiratory system are considered, physiological and mechanical principles are introduced and airway management and conventional and alternative ventilation techniques are discussed. Thereafter, the rational use of mechanical ventilation in various pediatric and neonatal pathologies is explained, with the emphasis on a practical step-by-step approach. Respiratory monitoring and safety issues in ventilated patients are considered in detail, and many other topics of interest to the bedside clinician are covered, including the ethics of withdrawal of respiratory support and educational issues. Throughout, the text is complemented by numerous illustrations and key information is clearly summarized in tables and lists.

Experimentation with Human Subjects Paul Abraham Freund 1970 Most of the essays appeared in the spring 1969 issue of *Dædalus*.

Medical Semiology Guide of the Respiratory System Manuela Stoicescu 2019-11-22 Medical Semiology Guide of the Respiratory System provides a comprehensive understanding of medical semiology to facilitate the learning process and stimulate medical thinking in respiratory medicine. Highly illustrated, with many original images from the author's daily medical practice, the book highlights all signs of diseases and important semiological maneuvers. Each chapter incorporates a specific questionnaire with important questions that need to be addressed in different situations to obtain valuable information to help in medical thinking and in the formulation of a diagnosis. Contains comprehensive coverage of respiratory semiology for proper patient diagnosis Includes original, real-world clinical cases from medical practice to help in the development and formation of medical clinical thinking Contains visual and diagnostic aides in the form of original images that present rare, special situation and difficult to find diseases

ABC of COPD Graeme P. Currie 2010-11-04 Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a progressive, largely irreversible lung condition characterised by airflow obstruction. Although cigarette smoking is the single most important risk factor in its development, other associations and risk factors are thought to have increasing relevance throughout the world. COPD is usually managed in primary care, although it is commonly under-diagnosed, and is one of the most common medical conditions necessitating admission to hospital. The second edition of the ABC of COPD provides the entire multidisciplinary team with a reliable, up-to-date and accessible account of COPD. Extensively updated by experienced clinicians - including new chapters on spirometry, inhalers, oxygen, death, dying and end of life issues - this ABC is an authoritative and practical guide for general practitioners, practice nurses, specialist nurses, medical students, paramedical staff, junior doctors, non-specialist doctors and all other health professionals working in both primary and secondary care.

Breathing, Emotion and Evolution Gert Holstege 2014-09-01 Respiration is one of the most basic motor activities crucial for survival of the individual. It is under total control of the central nervous system, which adjusts respiratory depth and frequency depending on the circumstances the individual finds itself. For this reason this volume not only reviews the basic control systems of respiration, located in the caudal brainstem, but also the higher brain regions, that change depth and frequency of respiration. Scientific knowledge of these systems is crucial for understanding the problems in the many patients suffering from respiratory failure. This well-established international series examines major areas of basic and clinical research within neuroscience, as well as emerging subfields.

MRI of the Lung Hans-Ulrich Kauczor 2008-11-12 During the past decade significant developments have been achieved in the field of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), enabling MRI to enter the clinical arena of chest imaging. Standard protocols can now be implemented on up-to-date scanners, allowing MRI to be used as a first-line imaging modality for various lung diseases,

including cystic fibrosis, pulmonary hypertension and even lung cancer. The diagnostic benefits stem from the ability of MRI to visualize changes in lung structure while simultaneously imaging different aspects of lung function, such as perfusion, respiratory motion, ventilation and gas exchange. On this basis, novel quantitative surrogates for lung function can be obtained. This book provides a comprehensive overview of how to use MRI for imaging of lung disease. Special emphasis is placed on benign diseases requiring regular monitoring, given that it is patients with these diseases who derive the greatest benefit from the avoidance of ionizing radiation.

Pulmonary Rehabilitation Anne E. Holland 2021-09-01 Pulmonary rehabilitation is an effective treatment for people with a range of chronic lung diseases. In recent years, there have been substantial advances in the science underpinning pulmonary rehabilitation. Advances have been seen in the patient groups in whom it is indicated; in the breadth of programme content; in new methods of delivery; and not least, in important outcomes. This Monograph brings together scientific and clinical expertise in pulmonary rehabilitation, with the aim of optimising its delivery in clinical practice.

The Microbiology of Respiratory System Infections Kateryna Kon 2016-06-20 The Microbiology of Respiratory System Infections reviews modern approaches in the diagnosis, treatment, and prophylaxis of respiratory system infections. The book is very useful for researchers, scientists, academics, medical practitioners, graduate and postgraduate students, and specialists from pharmaceutical and laboratory diagnostic companies. The book has been divided into three sections according to the types of respiratory pathogens. The first section contains reviews on the most common and epidemiologically important respiratory viruses, such as influenza virus, severe acute respiratory system coronavirus, and recently discovered Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus. The second section is devoted to bacterial and fungal pathogens, which discusses etiology and pathogenesis including infections in patients with compromised immune system, and infections caused by fungal pathogens, such as *Aspergillus* and *Pneumocystis*. The third section incorporates treatment approaches against different types of bacterial infections of the lower respiratory tract. This section reviews classical antimicrobial and phytomedicine approaches as well as the application of nanotechnology against respiratory pathogens. Offers the most up to date information on the microbiology of lower respiratory system infections Features contributors from across the world, presenting questions of interest to readers of both developed and developing countries Reviews the most common and epidemiologically important respiratory viruses Discusses the etiology and pathogenesis of bacterial and fungal pathogens including infections in patients with compromised immune system, and infections caused by fungal pathogens, such as *Aspergillus* and *Pneumocystis*

Respiratory Diseases in the Elderly V. Bellia 2009 The world population is rapidly ageing. As a consequence, the portion of the elderly burdened with polipathology and disability will grow, while economic resources to support it will shrink, due to the contraction of the working force. This will require a long-term preventive political strategy but there are also selected healthcare interventions that can be easily implemented to decrease the negative impact of this demographic trend on the well being of our societies. Examples are strategies that slow functional decline and preserve personal capabilities in geriatric populations. Instrumental.

The Respiratory Therapist as Disease Manager Harry R Leen 2019-12-02 Written for both students and practicing clinicians, The Respiratory Therapist as Disease Manager is a foundational resource for the Respiratory Therapist who desires to augment their acute care and technical skills with a knowledge base that will enable them to competently perform the duties of a Pulmonary Disease Manager.

Oxford Desk Reference: Critical Care Carl Waldmann 2008-11-27 Critical care medicine is an evolving speciality in which the amount of available information is growing daily and spread across a myriad of books, journals and websites. This essential guide brings together this information in an easy-to-use format. Up-to-date, relevant, and evidence-based information on the

management of the critically ill is combined in one resource, ideal for the use of Intensive Care Units, High Dependency Units, acute medical or surgical wards, Accident and Emergency departments and operating theatres. The book is designed such that each subject will form a self-contained topic in its own right, laid out across two or four pages to facilitate the key aim of rapid and easy access to information. This makes the information included simple to find, read and absorb, so that the book can be consulted in the clinic or ward setting for information on the optimum management of a particular condition. With chapters written by internationally renowned critical care specialists and edited by the three of the leading figures in UK Critical Care, this book should be an essential resource for all critical care physicians.

Encyclopedia of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering Gary E. Wnek 2008-05-28 Written by more than 400 subject experts representing diverse academic and applied domains, this multidisciplinary resource surveys the vanguard of biomaterials and biomedical engineering technologies utilizing biomaterials that lead to quality-of-life improvements. Building on traditional engineering principles, it serves to bridge advances in mat

The Whole-Body Microbiome B. Brett Finlay OC, PhD 2019-02-02 Science has made huge leaps in prolonging life through disease prevention and treatment, but microbiologist Brett Finlay and gerontologist Jessica Finlay offer a different—and truly revolutionary—approach to the quest for the fountain of youth. Microbes are the oldest and smallest forms of life on earth, and encompass bacteria, viruses, protozoa, fungi and other microscopic organisms. While some bacteria and viruses can make us sick, normally we coexist peacefully with microbes. In fact, they are essential to our everyday health. Microbes help break down food in the digestive tract, support immune function and protect us from the pathogens we come into contact with on a daily basis. Our well-being is intimately tied to the microbes that surround us—on our cellphones, kitchen sponges, houseplants, pets and desks. In this groundbreaking volume, the authors present current and emerging research on microbial interventions for the full gamut of age-related conditions, from sun spots and wrinkles to Alzheimer's disease, cancer, osteoporosis, menopause, chronic inflammation and more. The good news is that simple changes to nutrition and lifestyle can promote the right kind of microbial exposure, to improve health whether we're eighteen or eighty. Incorporating interviews with leading microbiologists, scientific researchers and medical professionals, and with a compelling and proactive approach to cutting-edge science, *The Whole-Body Microbiome* will appeal to anyone looking to grow old as healthfully and gracefully as possible.

Fundamentals of Toxicologic Pathology Wanda M. Haschek 2009-11-23 Toxicologic pathology integrates toxicology and the disciplines within it (such as biochemistry, pharmacodynamics and risk assessment) to pathology and its related disciplines (such as physiology, microbiology, immunology, and molecular biology). *Fundamentals of Toxicologic Pathology* Second Edition updates the information presented in the first edition, including five entirely new chapters addressing basic concepts in toxicologic pathology, along with color photomicrographs that show examples of specific toxicant-induced diseases in animals. The current edition also includes comparative information that will prove a valuable resource to practitioners, including diagnostic pathologists and toxicologists. 25% brand new information, fully revised throughout New chapters: Veterinary Diagnostic Toxicologic Pathology; Clinical Pathology; Nomenclature: Terminology for Morphologic Alterations; Techniques in

Toxicologic Pathology New color photomicrographs detailing specific toxicant-induced diseases in animals Mechanistic information integrated from both toxicology and pathology discussing basic mechanisms of toxic injury and morphologic expression at the subcellular, cellular, and tissue levels

Lung Volume Reduction Surgery Michael Argenziano 2001-10-15 A panel of recognized authorities comprehensively review the medical, surgical, and pathophysiologic issues relevant to lung volume reduction surgery for emphysema. Topics range from the open technique and video-assisted thoracoscopic approaches to LVRS, to anesthetic management, to perioperative and nursing care of the patient. The experts also detail the selection of candidates for LVRS, the clinical results and clinical trials in LVRS, and the effects of LVRS on survival rates.

Transactions of the American Electrochemical Society American Electrochemical Society 1927

Advances in Interventional Pulmonology Ali I. Musani 2017-12-14 *Advances in Interventional Pulmonology* is a comprehensive, evidence-based text on diagnostic and therapeutic bronchoscopic procedures. This volume covers basic and advanced procedures in the subspecialty of interventional pulmonology (IP). The material presented in this text book is also supported with expert opinion (where evidence is lacking) of authors who are leading researchers in the field of IP from around the world. The book delivers information about anatomical, physiological, pathological, and therapeutic concepts in IP to physicians and is, therefore, suitable for readers having different levels of expertise. The authors have also discussed novel and experimental techniques, and procedures when indicated for the benefit of research oriented readers.

European Lung White Book European Respiratory Society (United Kingdom) 2003-01-01

Orphan Lung Diseases J.-F. Cordier 2014-05-14 Orphan lung diseases differ from the more common pulmonary disorders, due to the fact that the respiratory physician will only see a few of them each year or even during their career. However, as a specialist, it is necessary to identify and confirm such a diagnosis in a patient. This Monograph comprehensively covers the most common and/or complex of these orphan lung diseases. This Monograph should be seen as a solid companion for the respiratory specialist each time they need to consider a diagnosis of one of these orphan diseases.

Lung Diseases: Chronic Respiratory Infections Francesco B. Blasi 2018-11-07 This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Lung Diseases: Chronic Respiratory Infections" that was published in *IJMS*

U.S. Government Research & Development Reports 1966 Ventilation, Blood Flow, and Diffusion John West 2012-12-02 *Pulmonary Gas Exchange, Volume I: Ventilation, Blood Flow, and Diffusion* considers the mechanisms of gas exchange in the lung. This volume is composed of nine chapters that particularly discuss the roles of ventilation, blood flow, and diffusion in pulmonary gas exchange. The opening chapter briefly traces the history of the chemistry and physics of pulmonary gas exchange. The next two chapters are devoted to the momentous developments that took place near the end of the Second World War advances which established the modern basis of gas. The remaining chapters describe the mechanism of gas exchange in the alveoli, how it crosses the blood-gas barrier, and the way in which ventilation-perfusion relationships determine the efficiency of exchange. This book will be of great benefit to pulmonologists and researchers in the biomedical field.