Introduction

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The Canadian Thoracic Society (CTS) held its Annual Scientific Meeting on November 3, 2002, in conjunction with the American College of Chest Physicians' Annual Meeting. Canadian and international speakers gave state-of-the-art presentations on a broad spectrum of topics in respiratory medicine. The meeting provided the opportunity for practicing clinicians, fellows-in-training and others who attended to be exposed to renowned leaders in the field. The following articles

comprise a summary of some of the topics covered during the daylong session and serve to highlight important issues from each speaker's presentation. On behalf of the CTS and the speakers, I would like to thank Dr Nick Anthonisen, Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Respiratory Journal*, for publishing the Conference Proceedings. In addition, I would like to thank CTS members for their ongoing support and commitment to making our educational day a growing success.

CTS 2002 Annual Scientific Meeting Program November 3, 2002, San Diego, California

Co-chairs: Dr D Marciniuk, Dr I Mayers

6:45 – 7:50	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
7:50 – 8:00	Opening Remarks	Dr I Mayers, CTS Past-President
8:00 – 10:00	What's New in Respiratory Medicine	Session Chair: Dr D Marciniuk
8:00 – 8:40	Cystic Fibrosis – Bench to Bedside	Dr B Rubin
8:40 – 9:20	Management of Pulmonary Hypertension	Dr D McCormack
9:20 – 10:00	Lung Transplantation – What's Hot and What's Not	Dr R Levy
10:00 – 10:20	Refreshments	
10:20 – 12:00	Advances in COPD Management	Session Chair: Dr P Hernandez
10:20 – 11:00	Clinical Implications of Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Dr R Goldstein
11:00 – 12:00	Pro/Con Debate: Inhaled Corticosteroids Should Be Prescribed To All COPD Patients <i>Referee: Dr P Hernandez; Pro (20 min): Dr A McIvor; Con (20 min): Dr J Bourbeau; Rebuttal (5 min each), Discussion and Questions (10 min)</i>	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:00	Pro/Con Debate: Written Action Plans Improve Asthma Management <i>Referee: Dr D Cockcroft; Pro (20 min): Dr B Cowie; Con (20 min): Dr T Bai; Rebuttal (5 min each), Discussion and Questions (10 min)</i>	
14:00 – 15:00	Pro/Con Debate: The New Fluoroquinolones Should Be First-line Therapy for Respiratory Infections in All COPD Patients <i>Referee: Dr G Ford; Pro (20 min): Dr R Grossman; Con (20 min): Dr R McFadden; Rebuttal (5 min each), Discussion and Questions (10 min)</i>	
15:00 – 15:20	Refreshments	
15:20 – 16:40	Update on Clinical Respiratory Medicine	Session Chair: Dr H Ramsdale
15:20 – 16:00	Effective Ventilator Strategies	Dr Tom Stewart
16:00 – 16:40	Sleep Apnea and the Nasal Airway	Dr M Fitzpatrick
16:40 – 16:45	Closing Remarks	Dr H Ramsdale, CTS President