

## INTRODUCTION

The 32nd Stoneburner Lecture Series, "New Concepts in the Outpatient Management of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Asthma," was presented on April 6 and 7, 1979, to an audience consisting principally of family practitioners and internists. The conference explored new concepts about COPD and asthma which have emerged from basic and clinical research during the last decade. In particular, practical management related to drug treatment, pulmonary rehabilitation, pulmonary function testing, pre- and postoperative care, and the use of oxygen were emphasized.

James P. Baker, M. D., Chairman, Department of Medicine, Eastern Virginia School of Medicine, and a former member of the Pulmonary Division at the Medical College of Virginia, was the Stoneburner Lecturer. He reviewed and updated the modern outpatient management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Raymond Casciari, M.D., Director of

the Rehabilitation Center, St. Joseph's Hospital, Anaheim, California, and Clinical Instructor of Medicine at the University of California, Irvine, talked about his experience in establishing a pulmonary rehabilitation program in a community hospital. In addition, Dr. Casciari stressed the physiological benefits derived from rehabilitation.

The Medical College of Virginia Pulmonary faculty and selected pulmonary fellows actively participated in the preparation of the lectures. The audience's response was excellent as evidenced by the many questions asked and the excellent post-program evaluation.

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