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Registration is open for the 2019 ERS HERMES exams: test yourself against European standards

Registration for the 2019 ERS HERMES examinations in adult or paediatric respiratory medicine is now open – offering an opportunity for healthcare professionals of all levels to measure their knowledge against European standards. The 2019 exams will take place on 28 September in Madrid, Spain – alongside the ERS International Congress.

As in previous years, three exam options are on offer in both adult and paediatric formats in 2019 – catering to anyone currently in training, in the early stages of developing their career or seasoned respiratory professionals. Registration to participate will close on 30 June.

https://www.ersnet.org/professional-development/hermes

ERS Monograph: The Lung Microbiome

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Studying the lung microbiome requires a specialist approach to sampling, laboratory techniques and statistical analysis. This Monograph introduces the techniques used and discusses how respiratory sampling, 16S rRNA gene sequencing, metagenomics and the application of ecological theory can be used to examine the respiratory microbiome. It examines the different components of the respiratory microbiome, covering viruses and fungi, in addition to the more frequently studied bacteria. It also considers a range of contexts from the paediatric microbiome and how this develops to disease of all ages including asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic suppurative lung diseases, interstitial lung diseases, acquired pneumonias, transplantation, cancer and HIV, and the interaction of the respiratory microbiome and the environment.

A wide range of ERS books, including the ERS Monographs, ERS Handbooks and European Lung White Book, are available online at www.ersbookshop.com and www.erspublications.com