

### **SARS: What We Have Learned**

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) has inflicted personal tragedies and extreme suffering on patients, their families and friends, the general public, and countless health care workers all over Asia and beyond. The impact of SARS on health systems, tourism, business and economies of the world, especially in Asia, has been overwhelming! In this Supplement, we present an overview of SARS including clinical virology and pathogenesis, epidemiology, radiology, clinical features and diagnosis, drug treatment (pharmacology), ventilatory and intensive care, prognosis and outcome, hospital infection control strategies and public health measures. We believe this is the first collection of expert opinions on SARS in an indexed journal, and we would try to make this available electronically. Members of the Chinese Thoracic Society and the Hong Kong Thoracic Society are working diligently to disseminate our knowledge and experience to all potentially affected clinicians through this Supplement and other means. We sincerely hope this collection will serve our mission to provide the highest quality care to our patients.

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