Chez SHEA

The annual SHEA luncheon meeting will be held during the ICAAC conference in Los Angeles at noon, Tuesday, October 25, 1988. Dr. Tony Pascal, Rand Corporation, will speak after lunch on "The Economics of AIDS." More specific information regarding member and guest reservations will be mailed to the SHEA membership.

Reader Inquiry

I would be interested in hearing from any readers who have been successful in requiring inclusion of an infection control component as part of EMT/paramedic training programs in their states. Thank you.

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SHEA Wit and Wisdom

An interested reader writes:

There are a spate of articles on statistics and epidemiologic analysis. We have seen articles on meta analysis and meta-meta analysis. However, practicing epidemiologists, as well as basic scientists, know that just as a cooking

recipe doesn't necessarily include every step an experienced chef takes, articles don't always include the nitty gritty tips that make the difference between skillful jobs and a true artist's craft.

I have been hoping that members of SHEA and other readers of the *News*-letter will be willing to share with all of us some of their insights into approaches into nettlesome infection control problems. I would like to start off this series of "SHEA wit and wisdoms" with my hard-learned observation that the first thing you do in an outbreak investigation is establish the order of authorship.

We hope that other readers would use the newsletter to share their hard-learned knowledge with the entire readership.

Signed, An Interested Reader

Editorial note: We like Interested Reader's idea and encourage the other learned readers of this column to share their collected wisdom. Please send comments and insights to the Newsletter Editor at the address below.

Brief items of interest for the SHEA Newsletter may be sent to Robert A. Weinstein, MD, SHEA Newsletter Editor, Division of Infectious Diseases, Michael Reese Hospital, Lake Shore Drive at 31st St., Chicago, IL 60616. Copy must be typed, double-spaced, and may not exceed five pages.