Asian Pacific Seminar

Interventional pulmonology in Australasia

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In promoting the application of new interventional techniques in Australia and New Zealand we have formed the Australasian Interventional Pulmonology Group. This is a Special Interest Group of the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand. The aims of this Group are

- To facilitate awareness and training of new techniques including EBUS, NBI, AFB and Pleuroscopy
- To develop training guidelines for these techniques
- To improve links to the Asia Pacific region in furthering procedural training of our fellows
- Have regular hands on training courses

We have been fortunate to have numerous international experts visit our shores to train us, in particular from Japan. As a result there is a burgeoning interest in these techniques in Australasia.