Non-invasive Ventilation and Weaning: Principles and Practice
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The book's strengths lie not only in the wide international representation and calibre of its editors and contributing authors, but also in its coverage of areas that have historically been either glossed over or omitted entirely from other texts on NIV, such as discharge planning, caregiver education and support, and the role of NIV in end-of-life-care, physiotherapy and rehabilitation. It also includes a highly unique section on the patient experience of NIV, covering psychological issues and containing reflections from the wife of a patient with motor neurone disease, who was one of the first such patients to be established on home mechanical ventilation.

The text does lack clinical examples of NIV in practice, and so in this sense it functions more as a reference text than as a bedside aid to the management of the patient using NIV; however, the structure of the text is user-friendly and highly readable, and this book would be extremely valuable for trainees in respiratory medicine, physiotherapists and specialist nursing staff caring for patients requiring NIV. It also contains valuable insights into the organisation and management of a home ventilation service, which would be relevant to more senior clinicians interested in setting up such a service within their organisation.