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**OBJECTIVES:**

From his perspective as a clinician, division chief, and journal editor, Dr. Hansen-Flaschen will speculate on the future of a curious specialty (pulmonary and critical care and sleep?) that has evolved dramatically from its origins a century ago in the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis. He will propose an alternate, more poetic name for pulmonologists, and will imagine out loud what specialists in this ever evolving field will be studying and practicing a quarter century from now.
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