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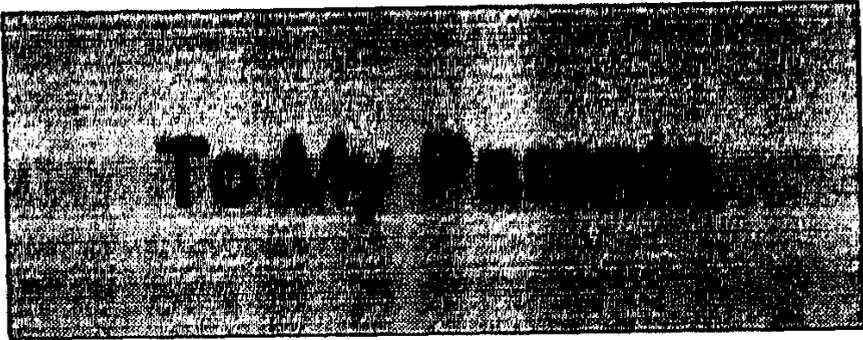
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A.R.A.	American rheumatology associations
B.A.L.	Broncho- alveolar lavage
B.S.M.	Bronchial smooth muscle
B.A.	Bronchial asthma
B.H.R.	Bronchial hyperreactivity
C.N.S.	Central nervous system
F.E.V₁	Forced expiratory volume at the first second
F.E.F.	Forced expiratory flow
F.V.C.	Forced vital capacity
F.R.C.	Functional residual capacity
M.TX.	Methotrexate
M.D.I.	Metered dose inhaler
N.A.N.C.	Non adrenergic - non cholinergic
P.E.F.R.	Peak expiratory flow rate
P.D.₂₀	Provocation dose at which FEV₁ decreases by 20%
R.A.	Rheumatoid arthritis
T.L.C.	Total lung capacity
V.C.	Vital capacity

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