

Assembly on Nursing (NUR) Newsletter



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Message from the Assembly Chair

Dear Colleagues,
As my term as assembly chair comes to an end, I want to express my immense gratitude for all of you. To the nursing assembly members that have served on assembly or ATS committees, thank you for your ongoing work and support of the assembly and the society. While we are a small assembly, our impact across the ATS organization is integral to the mission of ATS. I look forward to supporting the momentum of the assembly under the wonderful leadership of Margaret Carno.

If you are newer to ATS or have not been involved in assembly or ATS committees, I encourage you to reach out to the assembly committee chairs to express your interest or visit the Get Involved page at [ATS GET INVOLVED](#). Signing up at this link is the best way to increase your involvement in ATS so you can participate in the society in a way that is meaningful to you.

A huge congratulations to Martha Curley, recipient of the 2024 Research Innovation and Translation Achievement Award. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of respiratory research focused on specific innovations to improve health by advancing practice, policy, and health care delivery. The award also recognizes their accomplishments and role as leaders pursuing team science through collaborative approaches.

I am honored to have been recognized as an ATS fellow this year and offer congratulations to other members recognized. I encourage you all to consider applying for this during the coming year. It is always with admiration that I learn about your contributions to ATS and the fields of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep. More information on ATS Fellows is available at [ATS FELLOW](#).

For those of you joining us at the International Conference in San Diego this year, please connect with other nurses you see at the conference and invite them to join us at the Annual Assembly Meeting: Sunday, May 19th 5-7 PM. There will also be an opportunity to meet with program director, Dr. Karen Huss, from NINR while at the ATS international conference, look for a sign up coming soon.

Representing the nursing assembly has been an immense honor and I thank you all for the opportunity.


See you in San Diego!!
Jill Guttormson

Assembly on Nursing (NUR) Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 19, 2024
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Building: Marriott Marquis
Room: Grand Ballroom 11-13
Floor: Second Floor, Lobby Level

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Want to know how the ATS Assemblies and Committees really work?
Would you like to get more involved?

This is your chance! You can now register here to become more involved in the ATS Assemblies, ATS Committees or both. There are many ways to grow within ATS and the Assemblies and Committees are a great starting point.

www.thoracic.org/go/get-involved

Program Committee

Jennifer B. Seaman, PhD, RN, CHPN (Chair) & Tania T. Von Visger, PhD, APRN, CCRN, MSN, PCCN-K, ATSF

Greetings,

The Program Committee is excited to bring you this year’s conference program. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego CA for the 2024 ATS International Conference, May 17-22. Below is a table listing the sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by the Nursing Assembly.

Note: The Program Committee will be meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 6:45AM-7:45AM—look for an email announcing the location!

ATS 2024 International Conference Assembly on Nursing (NUR) Sessions

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Time Start	Session Time End
A96	IMPROVING THE CARE OF PATIENTS WITH DIVERSE PULMONARY CONDITIONS AND SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING	Mini Symposium	5/19/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B23	PROMOTING HIGH-QUALITY PATIENT- AND FAMILY-CENTERED CRITICAL CARE DURING THE ICU STAY AND BEYOND	Poster Discussion Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
B81	NURSING YEAR IN REVIEW: IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE IN PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE AND SLEEP	Year in Review	5/20/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B86	AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH: HEALTH DISPARITIES AND HEALTH CARE INEQUALITY IN RESPIRATORY MEDICINE	Jointly-Developed Symposium	5/20/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C7	ELEVATING THE QUALITY OF DELIVERY OF SUPPLEMENTAL OXYGEN	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	10:45 AM
MD28	NAVIGATING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER: POSITIONING YOURSELF FOR A NATIONAL PRESENCE	Mid-Day Symposium	5/22/2024	12:00 PM	1:00 PM

ATS 2024 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Start Time	End Time
C88	HEALTH EQUITY ACROSS PEDIATRIC PULMONARY DISEASES	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C89	HIV-RELATED LUNG DISEASE: UPDATES IN PATHOPHYSIOLOGY, CLINICAL TRIALS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C86	PULMONARY REHABILITATION - KEEPING THE WHEEL ROLLING FORWARD	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
D11	ON THE HORIZON: NEW, NOVEL, AND CUTTING EDGE FOR NONTUBERCULOUS MYOBACTERIA (NTM)	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D6	WHAT CAUSES SARCOIDOSIS?	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D5	TIME-LIMITED TRIALS IN CRITICAL CARE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D7	WHERE CHILDREN LEARN AND BREATHE: THE IMPACT OF SCHOOL-BASED EXPOSURES ON CHILDHOOD RESPIRATORY HEALTH	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D8	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT? AN ATS/ERS JOINT SYMPOSIUM	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D9	LINKING NOVEL MULTI-OMICS WITH MACHINE LEARNING TO UNLOCK LUNG PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D10	TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK: MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES FOR HIGH-QUALITY LUNG CANCER SCREENING	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
CS1	CHAIR SYMPOSIUM	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D83	RESPIRATORY HEALTH IMPACTS OF HUMAN MADE DISASTERS AND NATURAL DISEASTERS, WILDFIRES, EARTHQUAKES, AND VOLCANOES.	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D84	EMERGENT RESISTANCE TO NEW DRUGS FOR MDR-TB TREATMENT	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D85	ONE TO RULE THEM ALL? IMMUNE CELLS CONTROL STEM CELL CAPACITY IN THE LUNG	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D86	AMBULATORY CRITICAL CARE: A BENCH TO BEDSIDE UNDERSTANDING OF CHRONIC RESPIRATORY FAILURE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM

Planning Committee

Deena Kelly Costa, PhD, RN, FAAN & Tierney Keeton-Tucker (Fisher), DNP, CRNP (Co-Chairs)

Hi everyone!

The planning committee continues to work collaboratively to develop strategies to support the goals and objectives of the Nursing Assembly. We are focused on supporting ATS project proposals. If you have project ideas or questions, please reach out to us. Additional information is also available at the Assembly/Committee Project Application Resource Center. We are also dedicated to increasing recognition of nursing at ATS by nominating members of the Nursing Assembly for ATS awards. Nominations for this cycle have ended, but please reach out if you have any questions about the application process. The Assembly Awards nomination period has also ended. Congratulations to all of the nominees!

ATS sponsored nursing assembly projects over the last year included a workshop titled “Priorities for healthcare systems emergency preparedness in inpatient settings: Lessons learned from COVID-19” (Co-Chairs: Lynn Baniak, Jake McSparron and Jill Guttormson). They utilized a modified Delphi approach with 60 panelists. The findings are to be published later this year with an implementation science framework aimed to assist leaders address gaps.

Assembly/Committee Project applications for FY2025 opens July 1st. Applications will be available on the ATS website. Please consider submitting an application. If you need any assistance please contact the Assembly Planning Committee Chair.

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2025!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept **NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2025**. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly/Committee Project Applications. **Applications will be available on the ATS website at www.thoracic.org**

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have a suggestion for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your **Assembly Planning Committee, Deena Costa, PhD, RN at deena.costa@yale.edu**

For questions regarding submissions please contact
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Nominating Committee

Wanda Gibson-Scipio, PhD, FNP-BC (Chair)

The main function of the Nominating Committee is to solicit member recommendations for names to be placed on the ballot for our Assembly’s open elected positions. This past year, we sought candidates for the following positions: Assembly on Nursing Program Committee Chair-elect (2024-2025) (Chair, 2025-2026), and for two new members of the Nominating Committee (2024-2025).

Thank you to all our Assembly on Nursing members who volunteered to serve in a leadership position and or agreed to have their names placed on the ballot. Our newly elected leaders will be announced at the annual conference in May. Please consider self-nomination or nomination of a deserving colleague when the next call for nominations is presented. Getting involved in our terrific Assembly on Nursing is a great way to learn about ATS while serving in a leadership role. I would like to thank my Nominating Committee members for their service this past year; Tammy L. Eaton, PhD, MSc, RN, FNP-BC, ACHPN, Kelly M. Potter, PhD, RN, CNE, and Jiyeon Choi, PhD, RN, ATSF.

We are Looking forward to seeing Assembly members at the international conference in San Diego!

Web Committee

Heidi L. Lindroth, PhD, RN (Web Director)

- The Nursing Assembly website will be updated in the next few months. ATS is refreshing its website for ease of navigation.
- The web committee is exploring different ways to engage with Nursing Assembly members. If you have an idea, please share with me at the below email address.

Interested in being on the committee? Please email Heidi Lindroth at lindroth.heidi@mayo.edu



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Be sure to follow us at [@ATS_Assemblies](https://twitter.com/ATS_Assemblies) for news on webinars, deadlines, and other things you might have missed in your inbox!

Ph.D. and Basic and Translational Scientist Working Group

Kelly Potter, PhD, RN, MSN, CNE

The Ph.D. and Basic and Translational Scientist Working Group (PBTS WG) has been in existence since January 1, 2019, and is charged with enhancing the value of ATS membership for basic and translational scientists, specifically Ph.D. scientists. The PBTS WG consists of thirty-six members drawn from each of the fourteen ATS Assemblies. In 2024, we'd like to highlight several new initiatives that benefit the Nursing Assembly:

Seminar Subcommittee

Under the leadership of Jarrod Barnes, Ph.D. (Assembly on PC) and Kelly Potter, Ph.D., RN (Assembly on NUR), the Seminar Subcommittee has the goal of highlighting Ph.D. scientists and innovative methods/techniques in a seminar format. The planned structure is for 2-3 seminars per year with a discussion of research, preferably by a Ph.D. early career scientist. This group held the inaugural seminar "Identification of Lung Innervating Sensory Neurons and Their Target Specificity" last spring. In addition, in conjunction with the RSF web committee, the group co-sponsored a workshop entitled "Building Career Paths for Ph.D., Basic, and Translational Scientists in Clinical Departments in the U.S." based on the assembly project "Ph.D.s in Clinical Departments: Barriers, Opportunities, and ATS Membership" and the recently published manuscript on the topic by Dr. Beth Moore. Please reach out if you have a method or topic applicable to Ph.D.-scientists that you're interested in presenting!

Equity and ATS Opportunities

With guidance from this subcommittee and under the co-leadership of Carolyn Cannon, M.D., Ph.D. (Assembly on PI-TB) and Melissa Valerio-Sheemaker, M.D., M.P.H. (Assembly on BSHSR), the PBTS co-chairs, and other Ph.D. representatives within the ATS, met with the ATS leadership and were successful in promoting Ph.D. involvement through the inclusion of a methods-focused seminar series and a reduction of the conference fee for Ph.D.s, RNs, and RTs this year by 30%.

Survey

To understand the rationale as to why Ph.D. scientists attend the ATS International Conference but do not join ATS as members, Janette Burgess, Ph.D., ATSF (Assembly on RSF), assembled a subcommittee of PBTS WG members to answer this question. This survey was distributed to all 2023 ATS International Conference attendees who hold a Ph.D. or equivalent and spend 50% or more of their time in research yet are not currently ATS members. The data demonstrated that the cost

of the conference and membership was the prime concern for researchers attending the conference. In addition, the survey showed that Ph.D.-specific resources within the ATS were appreciated by the attendees and were an important driver of membership. This survey will be resubmitted for the 2024 conference to ascertain whether the new fee structure alleviates these concerns and to identify additional concerns of Ph.D. members of the ATS.

If you would like to become involved with the PBTS WG or have any issues you feel that the WG could effectively address, please feel free to email Kelly Potter (kelly.potter@pitt.edu).

Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers

**Sunday, May 19th from 3 - 5 p.m.
San Diego Convention Center
Sails Pavilion Terrace (Upper Level)**

The ATS Science and Innovation Center (SIC) working group and the PhD working group, would like to invite PhDs and other Basic Science Researchers to a special reception event. The reception will provide an intimate setting for networking while also allowing guests to mingle. Cocktails will be provided.

Register Here: <https://conference.thoracic.org/program/events/reception-phd-other-basic-science-researchers.php>

Early Career Professional Working Group

Jonna Morris, PhD, RN

The Mentoring Program is once again being offered in 2024. It offers a valuable mentoring opportunity for ATS members. This program facilitates 1:1 mentoring sessions during the international conference or virtually. We invite all members of the Assembly on Nursing, whether new or experienced, to engage as mentors or mentees. To join, simply fill out a brief mentoring survey on the ATS website, which aids in pairing mentors and mentees. ATS coordinates a one-time virtual mentoring session, allowing mentees and mentors to connect according to their schedules. While mentorship can extend beyond the initial meeting at the discretion of both parties, it is not obligatory.

In addition, we are also excited to provide opportunities for nurses to participate in the apprenticeship program. Apprentices receive the opportunity for a 1-year "behind the scenes" look at the operations of the assembly while developing skills for the development and evaluation of committee projects and applications. Apprentices will be introduced during the Assembly meeting during ATS 2024. Applications are closed for 2024, but please consider participating in 2025!

We would love to have new members to the Early Career Professional Committee. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jonna Morris (jlm356@pitt.edu) or Kelly Potter (kelly.potter@pitt.edu).

Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? The Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentee to meet.

**Marriott Marquis
Vista, Level 1, South**

Sunday, May 19th – Monday, May 20 from 6 am to 6 pm

Please note, this space is exclusively for Mentoring Program participants

ATS Contact- Tiana Lino at tlino@thoracic.org

Oxygen Interest Group

Susan Jacobs, RN, MS, FAAN (Chair)

The ATS Oxygen Special Interest Group (SIG) is a unique forum that was created to improve the quality of oxygen services for patients using supplemental oxygen. For the past six years this group of dedicated healthcare professionals, patients, researchers and multiple patient advocacy organization leaders, has met monthly to a) target the continuing unmet needs around oxygen education for patients and healthcare professionals, b) identify gaps in research, and c) support advocacy and lobbying legislative efforts to change policy that affects supplemental oxygen users. The lack of access to liquid oxygen options -particularly affecting patients requiring high-flow oxygen- has been an ongoing national problem since the onset of reimbursement changes 10 years ago.

Oxygen Legislation Introduced

In a milestone oxygen service accomplishment in the past ten years, the "SOAR Act" (Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform Act), is being introduced in the Senate with plans for the House also underway. This is the culmination of leadership on the part of ATS Governmental Affairs, ALA (American Lung Association), the AARC (American Association of Respiratory Care), and the PFF (Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation). For the past few years, the members of the ATS Oxygen SIG have collected patient and clinician stories to clearly document problems for our legislators to understand the need for patients to have adequate oxygen access and avoid being relegated to an isolated and inactive lifestyle. Information around planned 'Call to Action' activities will be forthcoming as this legislation moves forward.

Input from multiple viewpoints has been invaluable to this group's strategizing to successfully address patient, clinician and advocacy goals, including collaboration with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and Durable Medical Equipment companies. In addition to the ATS, ALA, PFF and AARC groups, the LAM Foundation (TLF), Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA), the Alpha 1 Foundation, the COPD Foundation, the Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia Foundation, and physicians, physical therapists, nurses and respiratory therapists have all made invaluable contributions.

Clinician and Patient Oxygen Education Activities:

FDA Meetings Around Oxygen Device Delivery Labeling: One member of the Oxygen SIG, Mary Kitlowski, founder of the Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia Foundation, has advocated for clearer labeling and patient education on the differences between Portable Oxygen Concentrator (POC) pulse-dose number settings compared to liters/minute continuous flow settings on other oxygen devices. The lack of information, along with misinformation, results in the misconception that a pulse-dose setting of '4' on a POC is equal to a continuous flow setting of 4 Liters/minute of oxygen, when in fact it is an arbitrary POC number setting and delivers <2L/min. As a result of their collaborative advocacy, some ATS SIG members have met with the FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health to see how they might change POC and other oxygen delivery labeling to be more consistent and transparent across all oxygen devices. Mary also developed a detailed "Guide to POCs" brochure that provides POC oxygen flow information that is useful for both clinicians and patients.

ATS Tuesday May 21, 2024, San Diego International Conference Oxygen Symposium. There will be an oxygen symposium on Tuesday 5/21/24 "Elevating the Quality of Delivery of Supplemental Oxygen" session C7, from 9:15 to 10:45am, co-chaired by Susan Jacobs RN, MS and Nicholas Kolaitis, MD. We hope you can join us!

Please contact Susan Jacobs RN, MS, FAAN at ssjpulm@stanford.edu for more information.

Integrative Therapy Interest Group

Asha V. Devereaux, MD, MPH and Anna Breiburg, APRN, BC, RRT (Co-Chairs)

<https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/interest-groups/integrative-therapy.php>

The ATS Integrative Interest Group is an inter-multidisciplinary collaborative group with primary interests in exploring ways of incorporating Integrative Therapy in a safe and effective manner for patients with Pulmonary Conditions. Approximately 36% of American adults use various types of Integrative therapies (IT) to complement their mainstream health care practices (Clarke TC et al., 2015). The preliminary data conducted by the National Center for Integrative Primary Health Care (NCIPH) indicate that even among healthcare professionals currently licensed in complementary and alternative medicine education programs, their IT knowledge is inadequate (publication in progress). A third (33.7%) of

participants rated their knowledge of IT to be high-very high, the majority of respondents (39.5%) rated their knowledge to be moderate, and 23.6% rated as "a little." The Integrative Therapy Needs Assessment Survey of ATS clinicians in May 2016 revealed this similar trend in the knowledge gap. Clinicians' understanding of Integrative Therapy's use, safety profile, and effectiveness is crucial to their ability to provide appropriate advice and guidance for safe care. Because our patients are using Integrative Therapies, there is a need to develop basic expertise among healthcare professionals in how to openly and compassionately discuss this topic with patients. Additionally, we need to develop a research advocacy forum advocating for research methodology suitable for rigorous scientific study of Integrative Therapy. Our main objective is to facilitate the process of holistic, patient-centered care that promotes communication and collaboration among patients with pulmonary/sleep/and critical illness, their clinicians, and family members through the proper implementation of Integrative Therapy.

ATS 2024 International Conference Sessions
Wednesday 5/22/24 9am
Integrative Therapies for Long COVID-19
Speakers: Ni-Cheng Liang MD and Ilana Seidel, MD