

# Assembly on Nursing

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## Message from the Assembly Chair

Dear Colleagues,

The year 2020 brought many challenges, disappointments, and tragedies. However, as we have moved into 2021, I see a rainbow of hope and tenacity by nurses who are committed to improving the health of patients as they serve in roles that span from the bedside to research labs. Each of you deserve commendations for your resiliency during this past year as you championed the care of persons with pulmonary, sleep and critical care illnesses across the globe. I am proud to serve as the chair of such an outstanding group of health professionals.

The Assembly on Nursing's Executive Committee has been busy on numerous efforts to assure our representation across the ATS society and to lead important innovations in research, practice, and patient education. I am thankful for the tireless commitment of each Nursing Executive Committee team member. Reports from the chairs are included in this newsletter to highlight some of the exemplary work put forth by the chairs and their respective teams. Please take the time to read through all of them and look for opportunities where you to might participate. This year we added a new element to our assembly that is focusing on health policy. This new focus is being led by Dr. Sharron Crowder. We are thankful that Dr. Crowder joined the Executive Committee team this year as she is navigating how the voice of nurses can be represented on important policy initiatives within the society. She is also examining ways to garner the support of ATS on national health and professional issues related to the mission of the society and nursing. We are also seeking ways to assure that our assembly is meeting the needs of our members. This year Dr. Jill Guttormson sent out a survey to all nurses belonging to ATS to help inform our efforts as well as to recruit new members. Please [take the survey](#), if you have not done so already.

This is the fourth straight year, our Assembly won the annual Assembly Challenge. I was exceedingly proud of our assembly's contributions to the ATS Foundation that was recently acknowledged in an Executive Board Meeting. Thank you to all our Assembly members who contributed towards funding the ATS Foundation research grants. Let us keep the momentum going and be 'Winners' again in 2022! Remember that Nurse Scholars are eligible to apply for ATS grants. Be sure to pay attention to announcements on upcoming funding opportunities.

This year the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will prevent us from meeting in person for the annual international conference. However, let us all continue to support the conference and attend the excellent virtual sessions that have been planned. We are all still adjusting to a new normal and learning as we go that there are many new norms that are not so bad and that may have been long overdue. This year our assembly meeting will be held virtually on May 3, 2021 from 4-6 pm EST. You will notice that this date is in advance of the international conference so please plan accordingly. Additional details on how to access the meeting are included below. If anyone has any special news or congratulatory announcements that we should share at the annual meeting, please email me directly at [gibsonsc@wayne.edu](mailto:gibsonsc@wayne.edu). In the subject heading insert "ATS Nursing Assembly Announcement". I look forward to seeing each of you virtually soon.



Editor: Dr. Wanda M. Gibson-Scipio, PhD, FNP-BC, ATSF

# PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jill Lynn Guttormson, PhD, MS, RN, Chair

The purpose of the Planning Committee is to develop strategies that support the goals and objectives of the Assembly. The committee is currently focusing on the following goals:

- Supporting development of ATS Project proposals  
Information about ATS Projects at: [Assembly/Committee Project Application Resource Center](#)  
Please contact the chair for support with project development and application
- Increasing recognition of nursing at ATS through nomination of Nursing Assembly Members for ATS Awards
- Increasing Nursing Assembly membership
- Increasing the value of Nursing Assembly for our current members

Our committee has developed a survey that will be sent to all nurses in ATS this spring. The survey will help us determine how our assembly can best serve the needs of our current members and attract new members to our assembly. Please complete the survey yourself and encourage other nurses in ATS to respond.

Contact [Jill Guttormson](#) if you have any questions regarding committee work, would be interested in serving on this committee, or need support to develop a ATS project proposal.

## Announcements

ATS Workshop Project funded: Symptom management for Mechanically Ventilated Patients: What and how should symptoms be assessed? (Co-Chairs: Jill Guttormson and Babar Khan)

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### Assembly/Committee Project Applications for FY2022

Applications for NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for 2022 will open on July 1st and will be open until July 31, 2021. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly and Committee Project Applications.

If you have a suggestion for a project application and need assistance, please contact the NUR Planning Committee Chair, Jill Lynn Guttormson, MS, PhD, RN, at [jill.guttormson@marquette.edu](mailto:jill.guttormson@marquette.edu)

For questions regarding submissions please contact Miriam Rodriguez at: (212) 315-8639 or [Mrodriguez@thoracic.org](mailto:Mrodriguez@thoracic.org)

Please also see the [ATS Project Application Resource Center](#).

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## Assembly on Nursing (NUR) Membership Meeting

Monday, May 3, 2021  
4-6 PM EST

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# PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Nina Elise Bracken, ACNPC, MSN, Chair, and Lea Ann Matura, PhD, RN, FAAN  
Program, Chair-Elect

Greetings,

The Program Committee has been busy working with the International Conference Committee to build an exciting program for this year's virtual conference. This year's program includes the following sessions led by, or programmed jointly with the Nursing Assembly.

## Sunday, May 16

On-demand (pre-recorded)

COPD comorbidities - greater than the sum of the parts (Nursing Year in Review)

## Monday, May 17

10-11:30am EST

Patient, family and provider experiences in critical care and chronic patient management (Mini-symposium)

3:30-5pm EST

The patient experience in pulmonary hypertension

## Tuesday, May 18

1:30-3pm EST

Closing the implementation science gap to improve symptom management and health equity across critical illness, pulmonary and sleep conditions

On-demand (pre-recorded)

Occupational COVID-19 exposure: risks and mitigation

## Wednesday, May 19

3:30-5pm EST

Addressing systemic racism in academia and the impact on trainees and junior faculty

## All days

On-demand (pre-recorded)

Thematic Poster session: Symptoms, quality of life, and caregiver engagement in pulmonary, critical care and sleep.

It's never too early to start to think about a workshop, sunrise seminar, or scientific symposium that you want to put together! Start thinking about collaborations that can best feature your work at the ATS International Conference 2022. Need help? Don't hesitate to reach out to either Nina or Lea Ann for input. Session submissions will be due June 30, 2021.

## ATS 2021 SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON NURSING

Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Time (EST)
<b>Monday, May 17, 2021</b>			
B9	PATIENT, FAMILY, AND PROVIDER EXPERIENCES IN CRITICAL CARE AND CHRONIC PATIENT MANAGEMENT	Mini Symposium	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
ME11	THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Meet the Experts	3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 18, 2021</b>			
C11	CLOSING THE IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE GAP TO IMPROVE SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH EQUITY ACROSS CRITICAL ILLNESS, PULMONARY AND SLEEP CONDITIONS	Scientific Symposium	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 19, 2021</b>			
D12	ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC RACISM IN ACADEMIA AND THE IMPACT ON TRAINEES AND JUNIOR FACULTY	Joint Scientific Symposium	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
<b>Recorded</b>			
B26	SMOKE SIGNALS: WILDFIRE EXPOSURE AND PULMONARY HEALTH OUTCOMES	Joint Scientific Symposium	ON-DEMAND

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## SESSIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Time (EST)
<b>Sunday, May 16, 2021</b>			
A1	<a href="#">REHABILITATION AND COVID-19: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES</a>	Scientific Symposium	8:00 am - 9:30 am
A11	<a href="#">ATS PRESIDENT'S SYMPOSIUM: CAN RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN RESPIRATORY HEALTH BE ELIMINATED?</a>	Scientific Symposium	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
<b>Monday, May 17, 2021</b>			
B1	<a href="#">MIND THE GAP: ENDING GENDER DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN CRITICAL CARE</a>	Scientific Symposium	6:00 am - 7:30 am
B7	<a href="#">BREAKING NEWS: CLINICAL TRIAL RESULTS IN PULMONARY MEDICINE</a>	Scientific Symposium	10:00 am - 11:30 am
<b>Recorded</b>			
K1	<a href="#">VACCINES ON THE HORIZON: IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE AND POLICY – Kristen Feemster, MD, MPH, MSHP</a>	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K2	<a href="#">BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO RESEARCH AND PRACTICE WITH SEX AND GENDER SCIENCE – Cara Tannenbaum, MDCM, MSc</a>	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K3	<a href="#">CRISIS COMMUNICATION IN A RESPIRATORY PANDEMIC: THE COMPLICATED INTERSECTION OF MEDIA, DATA, AND POLITICS – Vinay Gupta, MD, MPA, MSt</a>	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K4	<a href="#">THE CLIMATE GAP: CONNECTING EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – Rachel Morello-Frosch, PhD, MPH</a>	Keynote Series	On-Demand

## WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Lauren Castro, APN, MSN, RN, Chair

We continue to use social media, primarily Twitter, to share relevant information to our assembly members. Please follow us @ATSNursing

- Our [Nursing Assembly website](#) is a hub of information for our members. Please take time to explore!
- Our committee has continued to create and share new podcasts over the past year. [Take a listen here.](#)

Our committee is here to get information out. Please reach out with if you have new podcast ideas or would like to share new publications or announcements via the website or Twitter - Lauren Castro at [LSCHRA3@uic.edu](mailto:LSCHRA3@uic.edu)

## EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Lynn Baniak, PhD, RN, Chair

The Early Career Professionals Working Group (ECPWG) is committed to providing resources for students, fellows, and junior faculty to increase their professional success during the ATS International Conference and beyond. This year we focused on expanding those resources. Highlights of the group's activities include:

**Apprenticeship Program** – The Assembly on Nursing was excited to participate, once again 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.

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# EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP REPORT (continued)

**Mentoring Program** - The Mentoring Program is back again at ATS 2021. This unique mentoring approach provides the opportunity for ATS members to take advantage of a 1:1 mentoring session held during the international conference. We encourage all Assembly on Nursing members, new or experienced, to become a mentor or mentee (or both!). To participate, first complete a brief mentoring survey on the ATS website that helps to match mentoring pairs. ATS will offer a location/times (TBD) that will be available exclusively for mentors and mentees to meet during the conference.



If you are interested in joining the ECPWG, please contact Lynn Baniak at [baniakl@pitt.edu](mailto:baniakl@pitt.edu). We look forward to seeing you at ATS 2021!

## PhD & BASIC & TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTIST WORKING GROUP REPORT

Jennifer Seaman, PhD, RN, Chair

Our PTBS working group is composed of members from multiple assemblies that get together monthly to discuss issues of importance to members of ATS that are non-practicing clinicians. We also welcome input from physician-scientists who are primarily research-focused. Because ATS is such a large organization and largely one that is clinically focused, the PTBS working group is focused on creating a smaller community structure for support, networking and advocacy to ATS leadership. The co-chairs for the past year have been Beth Moore from the University of Michigan and Tom Mariani from the University of Rochester. The PTBS working group is currently housed within the RSF assembly despite membership being across the ATS.

### Accomplishments and Ongoing Projects

**Reception for researchers:** In 2019, we helped to host the PBTS reception as part of virtual ATS in the Science and Innovation Center (SIC). There were 225 people registered with over 70 attendees. We also actively participated in the planning of events in the SIC. We are actively helping to plan the 2020 events now.

**Seminar Database:** The COVID disruption created real challenges to performing research, networking and opportunities for speaking engagements for faculty. In response to this, we created a database of researchers eager to provide seminars (virtually or in person in future) on a variety of topics. Our hope was that this database would increase opportunities for institutions to include more research-oriented seminars in their weekly offerings. As of March, 2021, the database has 133 scientists! You can fill a lot of seminar series with that! [Check out the database here.](#)

**Social Justice:** We have a subcommittee talking about ways our PTBS working group and ATS overall can better respond to issues of racism and social injustice within our society and institutions. We welcome you to join this ongoing conversation!

**Job Postings:** We advocated for the ability to advertise for post-docs and to have post-docs be able to post their CVs to the ATS job board site free of charge. Be sure to check out this [resource here.](#)

**DocMatters:** We have been working with DocMatters to determine if this platform can be useful for discussion of issues pertaining to research and non-clinical matters. We met with DocMatters executives to help map out strategies for better engagement with research-focused members of ATS.

**Technique videos:** We have a subgroup working on identifying common and important research techniques and getting quality videos made and published in an ATS venue to share that knowledge more broadly.

**Awards:** We are working to be sure that non-practicing clinicians are identified and nominated for many of the assembly-based and society based awards.

**Important Survey:** We are planning a survey of Pulmonary, Sleep and Pediatric Division Chiefs to gather data to better understand how PhD and non-practicing clinical faculty are hired and what barriers and opportunities may exist for strengthening engagement between researchers and clinicians. We hope these data will provide the foundation for an ATS project proposal that aims to address this important issue. Let us know if you want to be involved!

# OXYGEN THERAPY INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Susan S. Jacobs, MS, RN, FAAN, Chair

The ATS Oxygen Special Interest Group (SIG) is a unique forum that brings together healthcare professionals, patients, researchers and multiple, patient advocacy organizations to improve care quality for patients using supplemental oxygen. The group has been working for the past three years to target the needs of oxygen education for patients and healthcare professionals, identify gaps in research, and support advocacy and lobbying efforts to change policy that affects oxygen users.

The Clinician Education Subgroup had a Scientific Symposium accepted for the 2020 conference that is available as a virtual presentation – B6 “Advancing Care Quality for Adult Home Oxygen Patients” – Kathleen Lindell & Susan Jacobs are the co-chairs. Also, following initial work from the Nursing Planning Committee’s published patient oxygen survey, and then the oxygen workshop proceedings, Oxygen Clinical Practice Guidelines have been approved for publication this year. Nursing was the submitting assembly with CP, PR and BS/HSR assemblies represented by the co-chairs.

The Patient Education Subgroup, led by Jennifer Hayes and Trina Limberg, completed the ATS patient oxygen website with the great support of Judy Corn. Please include this in resources for your patients. You can find the [Patient Education Oxygen Therapy Materials here](#).

The SIG group had a recent virtual meeting on 9/30/20. 25 attendees re-assessed priorities for the group to address. While the development of patient and clinician education resources have been successful, the dissemination of this information remains inadequate, especially to community healthcare settings, patients in remote areas, or patients without access to technology. The task of disseminating the upcoming clinical practice guidelines will help meet the goal of getting some of this information out. A decision was made to have the group separate into two interest streams: one to focus on dissemination of educational information to patients and healthcare professionals (including a possible Oxygen Awareness Month), and the other to address policy, CMS, and care quality issues.

Please contact Susan Jacobs at [ssjpulm@stanford.edu](mailto:ssjpulm@stanford.edu) for more information.

# INTEGRATIVE THERAPY INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Tania T. Von Visger, APRN, CCRN, MSN, PCCN, Co-Chair

Asha V. Devereaux, MD, MPH, Co-Chair

2021– Session: ME11 - The Patient Experience in Pulmonary Hypertension

Date: Monday, May 17, 2021

Time: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Eastern Time

Textbook/ Manual on IT to promote Lung Health

In Progress with Asha, Ni-Cheng, Anna B., Katerina

## ATS Integrative Therapy Education Patient Education Series

IT use in Critical Care – being finalized

IT use in Sleep – being finalized

IT (Mindfulness) use for Anxiety and Panic symptoms in COPD – published Jan 2021- in AJCCM

IT the basics – to be updated

IT Ayurveda Therapy – the basic – in progress by Dr. Prashanth

## IT Podcast Series

Introduction to Integrative Therapy – published 11/4/19

Mindfulness in COPD – published 1/30/21

Ayurveda Therapy – the basic – published 2/1/21

Ayurveda Therapy- Implementation in Clinical Settings – to be recorded

Acupuncture for pain management in Lung Health – to be recorded

## Invited Guest Speaker/ Invited publications

11/7/20 – COPD Coalition Patient Education Seminar – Anti-inflammatory Food as medicine by Dr. Devereaux

9/1/20 – Reader Digests Article – Food high in anti-inflammatory effect in promoting Health by Dr. Devereaux

2/1/21 – Patient Education Material on Mindfulness Practice in Pulmonary Hypertension for the ACC by Dr. Von Visger

Thank you very much for contributing to the Pulmonary Hypertension and Venous Thromboembolism Clinical Topic Collection on ACC.org. You can [find your publication here](#).

The 2021 Mindfulness Magazine will feature Ni-Cheng and her work in promoting wellness in Health Care professionals

Asha will present this topic as requested by Valerie (COPD Coalition) - Nutritional Supplement and Lung Health. TBD

Visit the [Integrative Therapies webpage](#) on the American Thoracic Society website for more info.

# ASSEMBLY CHALLENGE RESULTS

NUR with Highest Participation Rate



## ATS Assembly Members Give Back!

The results of the 2020 ATS Assembly Challenge are: the Assembly on Allergy Immunology & Inflammation raised the most dollars with \$66,072; **Nursing had the highest member participation with 18 percent**; Critical Care had the highest number of first-time givers in December with 9 new donors!

The annual ATS Assembly Challenge taps into the grassroots community — and competitive spirit — of the ATS Assemblies in support of the ATS Funds for the Future Campaign.

You provided a big boost to our year-end giving campaigns—and a boost to our upcoming grant-making capacity. The tremendous energy around the Challenge is truly inspiring and your support has been crucial for developing the next generation of researchers, clinicians, and medical educators.

The ATS would like to thank all ATS Assemblies for their outreach and generosity during the Challenge.

Congratulations to the Allergy Immunology & Inflammation, Nursing, and Critical Care Assemblies!

To learn more about the ATS Research Program or to make a gift, visit [re-search.thoracic.org](https://research.thoracic.org).

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**David Griffith**  
National Jewish Health

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Medical School

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Koc University School of Medicine

**Usha Raj**  
University of Illinois at Chicago

**Basak Coruh**  
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& VIJ Biotech

**The ATS Fellow designation is a mark of distinction**, conferring recognition on members for their accomplishments, dedication, and contributions to the Society as well as to the fields of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine.

**The ATS Fellow application period will open in May 2021.** The new ATS Fellows will be announced this Fall and recognized at ATS 2022.

For more information about the ATS Fellows, visit our website:

<https://www.thoracic.org/members/membership/ats-fellows.php>