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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Members of the Nursing Assembly,

Many exciting events have occurred since our meeting in May 2013. In this newsletter, we highlight some of the updates.

1. Hold the date for the 2nd annual Nursing Workshop Day, May 17, 2014! Please bring your nurse colleagues for a day of learning important up-to-date topics and hands on demonstrations of related devices and equipment. Topics include updates on COPD and asthma management, oxygenation 101, basic spirometry, principles of bi-level non-invasive ventilation and communication techniques for seriously ill patients. We have nursing experts from the ATS presenting lectures and conducting the demonstrations.
2. For the second year, we will be offering Nursing CEUs for approximately 27 sessions at the conference.
3. *Annals of the American Thoracic Society* is in its 2nd year of publication. The journal focuses on clinical and research topics and is an ideal venue for publishing Nursing and patient-centered topics. Submission from members of the Nursing Assembly is strongly encouraged.
4. Social Gathering. After the business meeting, Monday May 19, 2014, we will host a social gathering in the same room to network and relax. Please plan to stay and enjoy time with friends. Food and drinks will be available.
5. This year we host a “Meet and Greet” and welcome all new nurse attendees to the ATS. The Reception is scheduled for Sunday morning, May 18 from 10:45am -12N at the Clinician’s Center. Please encourage your students and any first time nurse to come and meet other nurse members and learn how to navigate the ATS meeting!



Lynn F. Reinke, PhD

Update from the Planning Committee

Linda L. Chlan, PhD, RN

The Nursing Planning Committee is chaired by Dr. Linda Chlan, College of Nursing at The Ohio State University. Members of the Planning Committee include Nursing Assembly Chair Dr. Lynn F. Reinke, Monica J. Fletcher, Dr. Kathleen O. Lindell, Ann M. Schneidman, Dr. Maureen R. George, Dr. Huong Q. Nguyen, Diana E. Hart, Breanna Closen Hetland, Dr. Margaret A. Carno, Dr. Mary C. Kapella, Dr. Hyekyun Rhee, Dr. Jill Guttormson, Lynn Fukushima, and Carme Hernandez. These members represent interests and expertise in clinical and research areas which align with the three pillars of ATS: pulmonary, critical care, and sleep. The Planning Committee Chair is appointed by the Nursing Assembly Chair. The charge of the Planning Committee is to support the Nursing Assembly Chair in Assembly projects and initiatives, as well as review of project applications assigned by ATS staff.

The main activity of the planning committee this past year was to review new and renewal application requests for ATS-sponsored projects, programs, systematic reviews and workshops. In August, the Planning Committee reviewed a total of nine applications seeking funds for ATS-sponsored activities. In addition, the Planning Committee supports the Nursing Skills Workshop spearheaded by Monica Fletcher, Lynn Reinke, and Maureen George. The skills workshop is held the Saturday prior to the start of the ATS international conference with a focus on a variety of skills for pulmonary and critical care nursing.

Update from Program Committee

Cynthia French, MS, ANP-BC (Chair) & Margaret Campbell, PhD (Chair-Elect)

As chair and co-chair of the nursing program committee, we would like to thank all of the members of our nursing program committee for their expertise, enthusiasm, and dedication to providing you with the best program possible for the 2014 American Thoracic Society International Conference to be held in San Diego! This year, the program committee has focused on several activities designed to enhance the Conference experience for nurses and their colleagues. Some of the highlights and areas of focus are listed here.

-New abstract categories were suggested and added to the abstract submission plan for 2014, to address the ever changing needs of our assembly members. The new categories will include “Complementary and Alternative Therapies” and “eHealth.” The eHealth category was added as a collaborative effort with the Behavioral Science & Health Services Research Assembly.

-We worked closely with our colleagues in other clinically-oriented assemblies to program abstracts in the most appropriate session for the topic, regardless of assembly affiliation. The Critical Care, Behavioral Science & Health Services Research, Clinical Problems, and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Assemblies welcomed the opportunity to enhance the interdisciplinary experience of presenters and attendees.

-The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) funding session will include representatives from a variety of organizations interested in funding nursing research. Funding agencies joining the NINR include the American Thoracic Society, American Lung Association, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

-The theme for the Nursing Year in Review is “Pulmonary Intervention Research in Nursing” featuring Dr. Susan Janson, Professor Emeritus, UCSF as our keynote speaker. National and international experts will present research from their specialty areas and translation to practice. This session promises to demonstrate important innovations of nursing research.

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-We have made plans to work closely with other clinically-oriented assemblies in preparation for the 2014 conference. The goal of this collaboration will be to program several joint abstract sessions on topics such as interdisciplinary practice and eHealth (depending on abstract submission patterns). All RN abstract coauthors have been sent personal email invitations to attend the conference and to participate in Nursing Assembly activities.

-We invite all RNs who are new to the International Conference to contact DorAnne Donesky at doranne@sbcglobal.net prior to the conference to be introduced to others who share their clinical and research interests and to have their questions answered. **We encourage you to review the list of nursing sponsored or supported sessions below and we look forward to seeing you all in San Diego!**

ATS 2014 - San Diego Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Nursing

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Nursing Workshop			
Saturday, May 17, 2014			
WN1	RESPIRATORY NURSING SKILLS UPDATE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
WS6	PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN CONDUCTING AND MANAGING CLINICAL TRIALS	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B81	NURSING YEAR IN REVIEW	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C7	SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT IN THE ICU: HOW CAN WE DO BETTER WITH NON-VERBAL PATIENTS?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D7	THE CASE FOR COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES: MAGICAL THINKING AND SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A90	HEALTH INEQUITY IN TOBACCO USE AND DEPENDENCE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B11	HARNESSING THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS IN RESPIRATORY DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Sunrise Seminars			
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
SS213	THE POWER OF SUPPORT GROUPS: HOW PEOPLE WITH PULMONARY DISEASE ARE LINKING UP AND LIVING WELL	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
SS314	MANAGING EXERTIONAL HYPOXIA IN THE ILD PATIENT	7:00 AM	8:00 AM

Meet The Professor Seminars**Monday, May 19, 2014**

MP509	AN ALGORITHMIC APPROACH TO TERMINAL VENTILATOR WITHDRAWAL	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
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Tuesday, May 20, 2014

MP609	USING S.P.E.A.C.S. TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH NON-VOCAL ICU PATIENTS	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
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Mini-Symposium**Monday, May 19, 2014**

B16	ENHANCING LIFE WITH CHRONIC RESPIRATORY ILLNESS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
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Poster Discussion Sessions**Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

C106	INTERPROFESSIONAL TOPICS IN THE PROVISION OF CRITICAL CARE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
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Thematic Poster Sessions**Sunday, May 18, 2014**

A54	DYSPNEA PREVALENCE, MEASUREMENT, AND TREATMENT	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
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Tuesday, May 20, 2014

C49	PROMOTING POSITIVE OUTCOMES IN RESPIRATORY DISEASE MANAGEMENT	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
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Working Group Reports

Our assembly has 3 working groups. Please let us know if you are interested in joining one of them.

International Pulmonary Nurses Workgroup

Co-Chairs: Maureen George and Carme Hernandez

The goal of this group is to identify areas of common interest to respiratory nurses globally that could be supported by scaled up activities related to patient education about lung health, respiratory nursing research and the clinical practice of respiratory nursing. To meet these goals the following objectives were defined: 1) To develop a repository of patient education materials that would be applicable across countries and practice settings related to lung health; 2. To develop a global respiratory nursing scope of practice document ; and 3. To develop a global respiratory nursing research agenda.

Deliverables include: 1. A consensus paper on the principles of patient education; 2. a web-based warehouse of patient education materials that could be accessed by respiratory nurses in all sister organizations, and 3. a multi-society research priorities statement. Last year in Philadelphia, over 14 people attended a lunch and developed a core group to begin work on the patient education consensus paper. A lunch meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2014 from 12pm-1:30pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in Golden Hill B

Clinical Research Coordinators (CRC) Working Group

Co-Chairs: Nina Bracken and Kathleen Lindell

The main goals of this working group include:

- To provide an “assembly home” for Clinical Research Coordinators
- To develop and promote educational activities for CRCs and members conducting clinical trials
- 2014 – Workshop: Practical Considerations in Conducting and Managing Clinical Trials

Junior Professional/Membership Working Group

Chair: DorAnne Donesky

Main Objective: To extend a warm welcome to all nurses attending the International Conference, participating as a coauthor on an accepted abstract, or joining the Nursing Assembly. To provide personal communication, orientation, and invitation to participate in society activities.

We will accomplish these goals by:

- Welcoming first-time attendees via email prior to arrival
- Hosting a welcome and orientation to the conference in the Clinician’s Center Sunday morning
- Inviting RN coauthors on accepted abstracts to attend the conference and join the Nursing Assembly
- Meeting with first-time attendees in a focus group format to learn strategies to welcome them and provide the information to get the most out of the conference
- Introducing new members to EC members to help integrate them into current committees and projects

Clinicians Advisory Committee

The Clinicians Advisory Committee (CAC) recommends strategies for promoting the active involvement and leadership of clinicians in Society affairs and increasing the effectiveness of ATS programs designed to enhance clinical practice. During the past year, committee members have:

- Participated on the ATS Hands-On Education Joint Working Group, the Council for Chapter Representatives and the Implementation Medicine Working Group.
- Contributed to the development of the Innovation in Health Equality Awards.
- Reviewed submissions and selected the recipient for the Innovation in Health Equality Clinical Focus Award.
- Participated in the Interdisciplinary Education Task Force.
- Continued to support the development of interprofessional resources and opportunities at the international conference, which includes an interactive session and presentation with an interprofessional focus and the interdisciplinary road map in the International Conference (IC) Clinicians Guide.
- Reviewed and selected topics for the ATS 2013 E-report, which was produced by the Goodwin Group and highlighted content from the IC.

The Clinicians Center will be located outside the exhibit hall at the 2014 IC in San Diego. It is the site for a variety of activities and resources of interest to all clinicians. On Sunday, May 18th, the Nurses Meet and Greet Reception is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to welcome first time IC attendees and new Nursing Assembly members as well as connect with colleagues, while enjoying a light brunch.

Monday, May 19th, Bonnie Fahy, RN, MN, CNS, will present Optimizing ICD-10 Documentation of Pneumonia: Impact on You and Your Institution from 7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

The Interprofessional Clinicians Meet and Greet reception takes place on Monday from 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

The Clinician Center will host the Outstanding Clinician Award reception on Monday from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Two interactive sessions are scheduled for the Clinicians Center. On Sunday, May 18th, Lonny Yarmus, CO, CAC member will address EBUS Transbronchial Needle Aspiration: Improving Your Yield between 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Learning Lab. Monday, May 19th, Lewis G. Satterwhite, MD will present Ultrasound in Critical Care Emergencies from 12:30-1:30 p.m. The Learning Lab will also be available for Maintenance of Certification post-tests on Tuesday, May 20th and Wednesday, May 21st.

Ann Schneidman, RN, MS, CNS will continue as CAC chair. David Hotchin, MD, will also continue as Vice Chair. We appreciate the contributions of the committee members and Barbara Horner, Associate Director of Education Databases and Projects to the work of the CAC.

Nursing Website Committee

Cathy Vitari and Kathy Adobe

The Nursing Assembly website includes a pictorial gallery of members, past and present as well as a history of the assembly. Profiles of members are being added and posted. We are always looking for volunteers for the profiles. The Assembly Chair usually posts an annual letter with updates. Our mission statement is listed and committee chairs are posted so that members can have direct access to them. The ATS website is also being updated. More will be revealed after the ATS conference.

Patient and Family Education Committee

Kathleen Lindell

The Patient and Family Education Committee has worked to update materials for patients and their caregivers, as well as health professionals, as well as create materials where this is a need. There is a wealth of FREE materials on this website: www.patients.thoracic.org Please take time to visit this site and please share with your patients and colleagues. The website is in the process of being updated so please visit frequently. In the near future, please look for podcasts for some of these materials.

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Assembly on Nursing Membership Meeting

*Monday, May 19th
5:00pm-7:00pm*

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

*Coronado D-E
Fourth Floor*

Please plan to stay after the business meeting to enjoy appetizers, drinks and networking opportunities with your nursing colleagues

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2015!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2015. 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 Chair Linda L. Chlan, PhD, RN, FAAN at chlan.l@osu.edu

Please contact Miriam Rodriguez with any questions at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

Please join us in honoring William W. Busse, MD, during ATS 2014 in San Diego on Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at the Sixth Annual American Thoracic Society Foundation Research Program Benefit.



His impassioned advocacy and generosity towards the ATS Foundation Research Program has given promising young investigators in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine a "lifeline" at a crucial moment in their careers. Because Dr. Busse's clinical and research interests are central to both the ATS and the AAAAI, the Foundation invites friends and colleagues in both organizations to celebrate his remarkable dedication to helping patients.

There are several ways you may pay tribute to Dr. Busse:

- If you are planning to attend ATS 2014, please register for the Benefit at <http://www.thoracic.org/go/benefit>.
- If you are unable to attend the Benefit but wish to place an ad or make a donation to the Research Program in honor of Dr. Busse, please visit <http://www.thoracic.org/go/benefitcontributions>.

For more information, contact ErinMarie Nebel at EMNebel@thoracic.org or at 212-315-6464.

Every dollar contributed will go directly to support research awards for early career scientists.

Help Us Help You!

Have you moved, changed your title, added new skills, credentials or other information? ATS members can now update their contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile quickly and easily online with the Member Profile Update form.

Keeping your profile current ensures accuracy during the ATS International Conference registration process and also helps the ATS provide you with valuable member benefits. To streamline the process, the ATS has updated and combined demographic categories, which makes it easier for you to send us pertinent information to serve you better.

The Member Profile Update form is safe and secure, and your updates will be reflected immediately in our database. Please take a minute to login and update your member record today at

<http://www.thoracic.org/login/ats-member-login.php?rl=https://thoracic.secure.force.com/MPU>

At this same web link members can now also print their own, personalized membership certificate!

NURSES at ATS 2014

San Diego

The Nursing Assembly has more than 200 international members, with specialists in the 3 pillars of ATS: pulmonary, critical care, sleep and beyond including pediatrics, gerontology, allergy, home care, telehealth, health information technology, psychology, rehabilitation, education, occupational health and palliative and end-of-life care. The ATS is excited to offer a full day workshop and Nursing Contact Hours for 27 sessions.

WN1 Respiratory Nursing Skills Update

Saturday, May 17, 2014

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. – pre-registration required

Members: \$125, In-Training Members: \$125,

Non Member: \$150, In-Training Non Members: \$125

This is a full day workshop on respiratory nursing which will consist of a combination of lectures and hands-on demonstrations. Lectures will focus on updates on some common pulmonary disorders such as Asthma and COPD. Hands-on demonstrations will allow participants to build practical skills in oxygen delivery, spirometry testing, inhaler technique, principles of bi-level non-invasive ventilation including bi-level mask fitting and much more. “Participants will leave feeling confident, empowered, and enthused,” says course Chair Lynn Reinke, PhD, ARNP. Participants will learn from international experts in the field.

This workshop is geared towards Registered Nurses and Advance Nurse Practitioners who work in a clinical setting with patients suffering from respiratory diseases. At the conclusion of this session, the learner will be better able to:

- apply the basic concepts of oxygenation and the implications of inadequate oxygenation as it relates to pulmonary disorders
- apply a range of oxygen delivery devices and equipment
- understand the critical elements of asthma and COPD self-management including inhaler techniques
- learn the latest concepts of conducting basic spirometry and its application to patient care
- discuss new findings about the principles of bi-level non-invasive ventilation and apply problem solving techniques for mask fitting.

To register for the Conference
and Respiratory Nursing
Skills Update go to
<http://conference.thoracic.org/2014>



NURSES at ATS 2014



Nursing Contact Hours

The American Thoracic Society has partnered with National Jewish Health® to provide Nursing Contact Hours for selected session. National Jewish Health® is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 12724, to provide Nursing Contact Hours.

Sessions eligible for Nursing Contact Hours

Session Code	Date	Title
WN1	May 17, 2014	RESPIRATORY NURSING SKILLS UPDATE
A1	May 18, 2014	CLINICAL YEAR IN REVIEW 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ILD • Mechanical Ventilation • Pulmonary and Critical Care Training and Workforce • Ethics and End of Life
A4	May 18, 2014	THE IMPACT OF GOVERNMENT REGULATION ON MEDICINE: A REPORT CARD
A81	May 18, 2014	PEDIATRIC YEAR IN REVIEW
A82	May 18, 2014	PREVENTING COPD EXACERBATIONS AND REHOSPITALIZATIONS
A90	May 18, 2014	HEALTH INEQUITY IN TOBACCO USE AND DEPENDENCE
B1	May 19, 2014	CLINICAL YEAR IN REVIEW 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Care • Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Exercise • ARDS • COPD
B4	May 19, 2014	BUILDING BRIDGES NOT WALLS: CRITICAL CARE OUTSIDE THE ICU
B9	May 19, 2014	ASTHMA AND COPD IN MINORITIES: LESSONS FROM THE MOST RECENT EPIDEMIOLOGIC AND CLINICAL STUDIES
B11	May 19, 2014	HARNESSING THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS IN RESPIRATORY DISEASE
B81	May 19, 2014	NURSING YEAR IN REVIEW
B89	May 19, 2014	ADVANCES IN UNDERSTANDING AND REDUCING ASTHMA DISPARITIES
C1	May 20, 2014	CLINICAL YEAR IN REVIEW 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulmonary Vascular Disease • Lung Cancer • TB/NTM • Cystic Fibrosis
C2	May 20, 2014	PRO-CON DEBATE ON CURRENT CONTROVERSIES IN COPD
C3	May 20, 2014	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS
C7	May 20, 2014	SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT IN THE ICU: HOW CAN WE DO BETTER WITH NON-VERBAL PATIENTS?
C10	May 20, 2014	WOMEN AND LUNG DISEASE: GENDER DIFFERENCES AND GLOBAL HEALTH DISPARITIES
C12	May 20, 2014	IMPLEMENTING THE ATS/ERS SEVERE ASTHMA GUIDELINES
C89	May 20, 2014	ADVANCES IN THE GLOBAL EPIDEMIOLOGY, DIAGNOSIS, AND MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE PNEUMONIA IN CHILDREN
C91	May 20, 2014	SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES IN EARLY REHABILITATION FOR OUR SICKEST PATIENTS
D1	May 21, 2014	CLINICAL YEAR IN REVIEW 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma • Genetics of Lung Disease • Quality Improvement • Sleep
D3	May 21, 2014	ETHICAL ISSUES IN THE SUPPLY AND ALLOCATION OF TRANSPLANTABLE LUNGS
D5	May 21, 2014	ACCELERATING DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EVIDENCE-BASE IN LUNG HEALTH
D7	May 21, 2014	THE CASE FOR COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES: MAGICAL THINKING AND SCIENTIFIC RATIONALE
D11	May 21, 2014	THE ATS/ERS STATEMENT ON COPD RESEARCH: EXISTING EVIDENCE, KNOWLEDGE GAPS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH
D84	May 21, 2014	PATIENT-POWERED RECOVERY: A NOVEL FOCUS FOR THE ICU PRACTITIONER
D88	May 21, 2014	TELE-TECHNOLOGY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF COPD
D89	May 21, 2014	HOW TO IDENTIFY PATIENTS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM ICU ADMISSION

LUNG DISEASE WEEK AT THE ATS

January~December, 2014

In 2014, the ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) continues its successful program "Lung Disease Week at the ATS," which represents a society-wide initiative to recognize the many rare lung disorders for which ATS PAR member organizations provide support and guidance to patients and their families. For a series of one-week periods throughout 2014 ATS PAR will bring patient issues to the front and center of the Society's agenda. Working with its PAR partners, the ATS will develop, aggregate and host links to disease-specific content on its Web site. Material will include patient stories, testimonials, interviews, videos, photos, support group information, details on ongoing legislative efforts and clinical trial updates. The ATS will foster interaction between patients, clinicians and researchers by hosting online question-and-answer sessions, Webinars and/or podcasts featuring lung disease experts. See the full calendar of lung disease weeks below.

2014 Date	Disease Week	PAR Member	ATS Board Member
Feb 9-15	Sarcoidosis	Andrea Wilson (Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research)	Carrie Redlich, MD
Mar 2-8	Cystic Fibrosis	Beth Sufian (Cystic Fibrosis Foundation)	Samya Nasr, MD
Apr 6-12	ARDS	Eileen Rubin (ARDS Foundation)	Shannon Carson, MD
Apr 20-26	Sleep Disorders	Ed Grandi (American Sleep Apnea Association)	Atul Malhotra, MD
Jun1-7	LAM	Mary Harbaugh (The LAM Foundation)	Charlie Strange, MD
Jun 22-28	Scleroderma	Kerri Connolly (Scleroderma Foundation)	Nick Hill, MD <i>(ATS Past President)</i>
July 6-12	Pulmonary Hypertension	Debbie Castro (Pulmonary Hypertension Association) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Jason Yuan, MD
Aug 3-9	chILD	Greg Porta (chILD Foundation) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Robin Deterding, MD
Aug 24-30	Rare Lung Diseases	Jack Kelly (Lymphangiomatosis & Gorham's Disease Alliance)	Jess Mandel, MD

Sep 7-13	Lung Transplant	Jeff Goldstein (Lung Transplant Foundation) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Various
Sep 21-27	Pulmonary Fibrosis	Teresa Barnes (Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis)	Jesse Roman, MD
Oct 5-11	Asthma	Charlotte Collins (Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America)	Greg Downey, MD
Nov Dec 7-13	Lung Cancer	Regina Vidaver (Free to Breathe, <i>formerly NLCP</i>)	Linda Nici, MD

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2014 ATS International Conference in San Diego

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Statements, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Workshop Reports, Technical Standards, or Systematic Reviews), please consider attending one or more of these free opportunities while you are in San Diego at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 16th from 6-9 PM, Golden Hill A/B, 3rd Floor, Manchester Grand Hyatt.

This session is **required** for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new document projects. The session is **recommended** for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to John Harmon at jharmon@thoracic.org if you have not already done so.

- 6-7 PM – Presentations by DDIC members about the Official Document types, methodological requirements for each, and other practical issues (e.g., conflict of interest management, review, and approval); a light dinner will be served.
- 7-9 PM – Current Guideline Chairs (or their designees) will give progress reports and then troubleshoot informally with DDIC members and ATS staff. New Guideline Chairs will have the opportunity to listen to these reports and learn about the “trials and tribulations” of guideline development from experienced peers.

Update: A second session has been added for current Guideline Panel Chairs or new Guideline Panel Chairs who cannot attend the Friday evening session. The second session will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 5-6 PM, TBA, Manchester Grant Hyatt.

- Guideline Methodology Training Program Information Session: Monday, May 19th from 7-8:30 PM, Balboa A/B, 2nd Floor, Manchester Grand Hyatt. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this new training program is welcome to attend. A brief description of the program will be provided, followed by time for questions and answers. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to kwilson@thoracic.org is required. Space is limited.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a full day, half day, or meal meeting in San Diego, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment for Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist) to stop by your committee meeting to discuss and answer questions about Official ATS Documents. To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozeki@mcmaster.ca Please indicate the name of your panel and a range of time that would be appropriate for their visit.
- Office Hours: Stop by our second annual “Office Hours” to meet and talk with Dr. Kevin Wilson and/or Dr. Jan Brozek about any Official ATS Document related matters. Office hours will be held from 10-11 am on Sunday May 18 and Monday May 19 in the Manchester Grand Hyatt (Room TBA).