



We help the world breathe®
PULMONARY • CRITICAL CARE • SLEEP

Nursing

Editor: Lisa Cicutto, RN, PhD

ASSEMBLY OFFICERS

Lisa Cicutto, RN, PhD
Assembly Chair
cicuttol@njhealth.org

Monica Fletcher, RN, MS
Planning Chair
m.fletcher@educationforhealth.org

Wanda Gibson-Scipio, PhD
Program Chair
av4791@wayne.edu

DorAnne Donesky, PhD
Program Chair-elect
doranne@sbcglobal.net

Kathleen Lindell, PhD, RN
Nominating Chair
lindellko@upmc.edu

Catherine Vitari, RN BSN, AE-C
Website Director
vitarica@upmc.edu

ASSEMBLY CONTACT

Website:
<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/nur/index.php>

Email: NUR@thoracic.org

IN THIS ISSUE

Message from the Assembly Chair	1
Update Nursing Assembly Vision and Mission Statement	1-2
Dyspnea Crisis Project	2
Clinician's Advisory Group (CAC)	2
Hill Day	2
Patient & Family Education Committee	3
NUR Assembly Program Committee	3
NUR Sessions	4
Public Advisory Roundtable	4-6
Assembly/Committee Projects Application	7
ATS Documents Development	7
NUR Membership Meeting\ Dinner	7-8
Help Select Future ATS Leaders	8
About the other ATS Journals	8
PATS	12
ATS Foundation	12

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Greetings! I am very much looking forward to seeing everyone in San Francisco! This year's International conference is promising to be one of the best. Please hold your dinner calendar on Monday night for the Nursing Assembly dinner. The Nursing Assembly dinner will immediately follow the Membership meeting. The dinner will be a great time to catch-up with friends and colleagues and to form new friendships and collegial connections. Student travel awards and the Marilyn Hansen Award will be presented at the dinner.



Lisa Cicutto, RN, PhD

Our strength as an Assembly is best demonstrated and experienced through our collective participation. Committee memberships are being reviewed and formed. If you have a desire to be more involved in Nursing Assembly activities, please let me know your interests by emailing me at cicuttol@njhealth.org.

Our Assembly members were very productive over the last several months. It is our intent that this newsletter brings you up-to-date and familiar with our activities.

NURSING ASSEMBLY VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

A Nursing Assembly Task Force consisting of over 25 individuals met over the last year to review and update our Vision and Mission. It was felt this review was necessary to help inform and identify the Nursing Assembly's priorities and to inform the larger ATS Society of the Nursing Assembly's role and interests within ATS. The following Vision and Mission statement was suggested.

The ATS Nursing Assembly is committed to fostering an international nursing network dedicated to building the scientific foundation for nursing practice that is translated and implemented to deliver patient-centered, interdisciplinary care for people affected by respiratory, critical care or sleep-related conditions across the lifespan and care settings.

NURSING ASSEMBLY VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

(Continued from page 1)

The focus of our members' research and practice include:

1. Preventing disease and disability related to respiratory, critical care and sleep-related conditions
2. Improving management of symptoms resulting from and associated with respiratory, critical care or sleep-related conditions
3. Enhancing end-of-life and palliative care.
4. We will present the new Nursing Assembly Vision & Mission Statement at the Membership Meeting in May for approval by Nursing Assembly Members

DYSPNEA CRISIS PROJECT

The workshop on Palliative Management of Dyspnea Crisis, co-sponsored by the Nursing and Behavioral Science Assemblies, has been approved for a third and final year. The co-chairs representing the Nursing Assembly are Virginia (Ginger) Carrieri-Kohlman and Lynn Reinke. Ginger and Lynn had the honor of presenting the work of this group at ERS, held in Amsterdam, September 2011.

The Workshop report is near completion and will be forwarded to the Documents Committee for approval. The plan is to publish the workshop report in PATS. One of the main outcomes of the project is the development and dissemination of educational products for patients, caregivers and health care professionals. A subgroup of members including Ann Schneidman, DorAnne Cuenco, and Margaret Campbell are developing the initial patient-focused product which will be published in the ATS "Patient Information Series". Wider dissemination outside the ATS is being planned. If anyone has ideas/platforms for dissemination and implementation, please contact Ginger at ginger.carrieri-kohlman@nursing.ucsf.edu or Lynn at reinkl@u.washington.edu

Clinician's Advisory Group (CAC)

Lynn Reinke and Ann Schneidman represent Nursing on the CAC. One goal of the CAC is to promote the visibility and value of how interdisciplinary team members (IDT) contribute to ATS. Members of the IDT may include nurses, PTs, OTs, RTs, PAs, pharmacists, and research coordinators. For the ATS conference in Denver, 2011, a subgroup of IDT members developed a conference guide highlighting various symposiums and presentations of potential interest to IDT members. We also held a reception inviting IDT members to learn more about how they can become involved in ATS. We received positive feedback from IDT members about the guide and reception. As a result we are creating another IDT guide for the 2012 conference in San Francisco and a reception will be held (date and time to be announced). Please encourage any IDT members to attend the reception and meet other IDT professionals.

Hill Day

Another activity of the CAC is participation in Capital Hill Day. Groups of ATS members representing their home constituents meet in Washington, DC in March and lobby on the hill regarding topics important to ATS. This year the ATS will lobby on 3 important issues: 1) Federal Support for Research; 2) Support for Clean Air Act; and 3) A permanent fix to Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate Factor. These ATS government activities, lead by Gary Ewart, Senior Director, ATS Government Relations, is an exciting way to have our collective voices heard on Capital Hill. In return, many of our "wants" are voted in, ultimately impacting our research and our patients.

PATIENT & FAMILY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This committee, chaired by Kathy Lindell, is nearing its second year of existence. Other nurses from the Nursing Assembly include: Sue Lareau, Bonnie Fahey, and Sue Janson. This committee is working to update and expand current patient education offerings in the ATS “Patient Information Series”. The committee also plans to include patient education materials as part of ATS documents and expand the forums in which these patient education materials are offered including with electronic health records, as podcasts, and in the forum of social media. Ideas for additional materials are welcome.

NURSING ASSEMBLY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Wanda Gibson-Scipio, PhD, APRN, BC & DorAnne Donesky, PhD, RN

As chair and co-chair of the program committee, DorAnne and I would like to thank all of the members of our committee for their amazing talent, vision and commitment to the program committee efforts. This year our committee sought to focus on assuring that nursing, diversity of nursing research and the scientific contributions of nursing research would be a central focus of all of our efforts. We believe we achieved these goals in both programming as well as in the selection of travel awards. This year’s Nursing Year in Review titled “Interdisciplinary Research: Moving from Silos to Synergy” will take a non-traditional approach towards showcasing the value and diversity of nursing research. Instead of the traditional approach of having a single presenter discuss a focus area of research, we will have speakers that work in interdisciplinary research teams describe how the diversity in scientific background and interest among team members contributes towards advancing a field of study. We are excited about the 2012 NINR session. We worked hard with Dr. Karen Huss to make changes in this session such that it is an evolving opportunity to meet the priority needs of our Assembly. The objectives for this year’s NINR session “Tips from the Other Side: Making Grant Applications Attractive to NINR” are to:

- Discuss practical steps that researchers take to improve their chances for success.
- Review common pitfalls and how to avoid them.
- Describe strategies for interpreting summary statements and fixing problems.
- Discuss NINR’s New Strategic Plan and future directions.

Dr. Huss has also agreed to be available after her session for consultation with Nursing Assembly members on current or future projects. To make an appointment please contact: doranne.donesky@nursing.ucsf.edu or call or text DorAnne at 925-323-6471 before or during the conference, prior to the NINR session.

This year we were able to obtain a listing of abstracts that were submitted to ATS Assemblies outside of Nursing that included a Nurse as an author on the abstract. Having this information allowed us the opportunity to review a broader base of nursing candidates for travel awards that will be distributed at our annual meeting. This information will also be used as a means of making contact with and recruiting nurses to our Assembly that attend ATS, but that are not necessarily a part of the Nursing Assembly.

It has been such a great year for our committee that we hate to see it come to an end. We know that next year there are even greater accomplishments to be made.

Our Assembly is also primary sponsor of the following sessions:

ATS 2012 - SAN FRANCISCO

Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Nursing

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A5	DYSPNEA UPDATE AND THE ROAD AHEAD	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B87	EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR PATIENT (BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK)	2:00 PM	4:00 PM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
MP412	NON-PHARMACOLOGIC INTERVENTION FOR INSOMNIA CO-MORBID WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
NP511	MEASUREMENT ISSUES IN COPD	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Sunrise Seminar			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
SS111	DYSPNEA CRISIS: TRANSLATION INTO PRACTICE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A96	TRANSITIONS IN HEALTH CARE SETTING, DISEASE MANAGEMENT, AND DISEASE STATE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Poster Discussion Session			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B25	SMOKING ACROSS THE RESEARCH SPECTRUM: SYMPTOMS, GENETICS, AND QUALITY OF LIFE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B59	ASTHMA: DEVICES, ADHERENCE, AND HEALTH OUTCOMES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B60	NURSING IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Year In Review			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
C81	NURSING YEAR IN REVIEW	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

Patients to Speak At Seventeen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at seventeen symposia at the 2012 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposium (Session B90) for the last nine years as well as at an increasing number of sessions at ATS International Conferences from 2004 to 2011. This is the ninth year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation to offer insight into their personal journeys. This insight will address diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyle, family, career and relationships. They will share their perspective into what patients would

(Continued on page 5)

Patients to Speak At Seventeen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

(Continued from page 4)

like physicians and researchers to know about physician/patient relationships and the importance and relevance of the work in which investigators and researchers are engaged.

The symposia at which a patient perspective will be presented are listed below:

ASSEMBLY	CODE	SESSION TITLE	TALK DATE/TIME
All, RCMB	A85	THE IL33/ST2 AXIS: NEW BIOLOGY AND NEW POTENTIAL TARGETS IN ASTHMA	Sunday 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
RCMB, All, PEDS,	A86	NEONATAL ORIGINS OF ADULT PULMONARY DISEASE	Sun 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
PC, All, CC	A88	MICROPARTICLES: SMALL WONDERS OR A BIG DEAL IN ACUTE LUNG INJURY AND PULMONARY HYPERTENSION?	Sun 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
EOH, All, CP	B5	'IDIOPATHIC' INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIAS/PULMONARY FIBROSIS: IS 'IDIOPATHIC' TRULY 'IDIOPATHIC'?	Mon 5/21 8:15-10:45 am
MTPI, CP, PEDS	B10	NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA UPDATE: GUIDELINES PLUS 5	Mon 5/21 8:15-10:45 am
CP, EOH	B82	THE MANY FACES OF BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS: NEW INSIGHTS FROM OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE TO HUMAN TRANSPLANTATION	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm
NUR, BSA, CP	B87	DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH PATIENTS	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm
EOH, All, BSA	B88	WORK-EXACERBATED ASTHMA: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CLINICAL APPROACH, EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND PREVENTION	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm
SRN, RSF	C8	NO PAIN NO GAIN; WILL UPPER-AIRWAY EXERCISE TRAINING/ELECTRICAL STIMULATION WORK FOR SLEEP APNEA?	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
PR, BSA, NUR	C9	PULMONARY REHABILITATION ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF ILLNESS FOR PATIENTS WITH COPD	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
BSA, CP	C10	IMPLEMENTING LUNG CANCER SCREENING: MOVING FROM RCTS TO THE REAL WORLD	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
CP, BSA, NUR	C82	PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS OF HYPERINFLATION IN COPD: PATHOGENESIS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR TREATMENT	Tue 5/22 2:00-4:30 pm
RCMB, All	C88	LUNG CANCER STEM CELLS AND THE ROLE OF THE MICROENVIRONMENT IN LUNG CARCINOGENESIS	Tue 5/22 2:00-4:30 pm
PEDS, All, CP	D9	CONTROVERSIES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SICKLE CELL LUNG DISEASE	Wed 5/23 8:15-10:45 am
All, CP, EOH	D85	HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS: RECENT ADVANCES, FUTURE DIRECTIONS	Wed 5/23 2:00-4:30 pm
PC, BSA, PR	D86	IMPACT OF EXERCISE ON CARDIOPULMONARY STATUS: IMPLICATIONS FOR PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Wed 5/23 2:00-4:30 pm
PAR, CP, MTPI	B90	(PAR SYMPOSIUM) GOING FOR THE CURE: THE MYCOBACTERIA CASE	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm

ATS PAR Symposium

During ATS 2012, the Society's Public Advisory Roundtable will once again bring together clinicians, researchers and patients at its annual symposium on Monday, May 21, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

This year, the program will focus on nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) diseases. A host of experts will discuss various research agendas, all of which are designed to identify a cure to control and reduce the burden of these en-

(Continued on page 6)

(Continued from page 5)

environmental disorders.

“Faculty members will first talk more generally about what is needed for a disease or condition to progress toward a cure or control using mycobacterial diseases as an example,” said Teresa Barnes, chair of ATS PAR and vice president of patient outreach and advocacy at the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, who will co-chair the symposium with ATS Immediate-Past President Dean E. Schraufnagel, MD. “Then, presenters will highlight the areas of research that are most likely to produce breakthroughs in environmental mycobacterial diseases and focus on research and its application to these disorders.”

The event will begin with Ms. Barnes giving out ATS PAR’s 2012 awards, which honor individuals who are committed to advancing research and clinical care in the fields of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Next, Dr. Schraufnagel will introduce a patient speaker who will talk about NTM disease from the patient and family perspectives. Other faculty members will then focus on the importance of removing bacteria from the environment, the role of molecular methods in diagnosis and testing effective treatments.

Breathing Better with the ATS

*The American Thoracic Society Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to invite you to our sixth annual **FREE** patient forum “Breathing Better with the ATS.”*

**SATURDAY MAY 19, 2012
FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
San Francisco Marriott Marquis
55 Fourth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(Room Golden Gate A, Golden Gate Level B2)**

The event will be held in conjunction with the ATS International Conference. You’ll have an opportunity to hear from experts in the pulmonary community and network with them afterwards. This year’s discussions will focus on quality of life and the panel includes:

Paul Wolters, MD • Jeffrey Swigris, DO • Jeffrey Golden, MD
Molly Bourne, MD • Sally McLaughlin, RN, MSN

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL TO cwhite@thoracic.org
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012

For further questions please contact Mr. Courtney L. White at (212) 315-8640.

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2013!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2013. 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 Monica Fletcher, RN, MS at m.fletcher@educationforhealth.org

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

The ATS Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC), which sets policies for the development of Official ATS Documents, will be holding a hands-on workshop in conjunction with the ATS International Conference

What: "Document Development: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers"

When: Friday, May 18 from 12:30-4:00 PM; lunch will be served

Where: The San Francisco Marriott

Attendance at this event is required for Chairs of writing committees which have received ATS support for their New or Renewal project in 2012.

Others with an interest in guideline development, or in official documents in general, are encouraged to attend as well.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with the ATS Methodologist, Documents Editor, and members of the ATS DDIC - we hope to see you there!

RSVP to Jessica Wisk at jwisk@thoracic.org

Assembly On Nursing Membership Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 21ST

5:00PM-7:00PM

SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL

CLUB ROOM

SECOND LEVEL

Assembly On Nursing Dinner

*MONDAY, MAY 21ST
7:00PM-10:00PM*

*SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL
GOLDEN GATE C1
B2 LEVEL*

Help Select Future ATS Leaders: Submit Your Nominations

The Society's Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for candidates to be elected ATS Secretary-Treasurer for 2013-2014. The successful candidate will advance through the leadership offices and serve as ATS President in 2016-2017.

The position of Secretary-Treasurer is critical for the ATS, as this individual spends three years learning about the Society's structure and leadership. They will then serve as President in the fourth year; and finally serve as immediate past in the final year as an officer.

When making a nomination, it is recommended that you consider an individual's organizational ability, leadership skills, reputation in the field, willingness to devote time to the ATS, contributions to the work of the Society's and diplomacy.

The Nominating Committee has improved the process for submitting nominations; please visit <http://www.thoracic.org/go/secretary-treasurer> to learn more about this position and to nominate a colleague or to submit a self nomination.

Letters of Interest are due by July 31, 2012.

About the other ATS Journals

American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine (AJRCCM) continues its new initiatives, including faster review turnaround times, concise clinical reviews, an images section, the fellows recommended reading series, the redesigned cover, as well as podcast interviews and discussions.

American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (AJRCMB), now an online-only journal, has dramatically reduced its pagelag and offers free color art to members, as well as reduced rates to non-members. As a new initiative, AJRCMB will highlight in each issue one or more stellar papers written by a junior investigator.

The American Thoracic Society is relaunching *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society (PATS)* beginning in 2013 as a bi-monthly, online, clinician-oriented journal.

The ATS is pleased to announce that John Hansen-Flaschen, MD, is the new Editor-in-Chief of PATS. Dr. Hansen-Flaschen is Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Chief of the Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Division, and Medical Director of the Penn Lung Center.

He envisions the new PATS as “a lively scholarly journal that is fully invested in ATS values of scientific inquiry and integrity and is complementary – but not qualitatively inferior – to the two ATS established journals.” The new PATS will target clinicians with current and concise reviews, original research, commentaries, education materials, and editorials. The spectrum of content will include pulmonary, critical care, sleep medicine, pediatrics, and evidence-based nursing. PATS will retain its special issues: Aspen, Transatlantic, and the Clinical Year in Review.

Please stop by the Clinician’s Center at the ATS Conference on Tuesday, May 22, from noon to 2 pm, to meet Dr. Hansen-Flaschen.

Please join us for the Fourth Annual ATS Foundation Research Benefit on Saturday, May 19, 7:00 pm, at the Marriott Marquis San Francisco.

In response to past attendees’ requests for maximum time to socialize at the benefit, the Foundation has redesigned the format to be as interactive and fun as possible. Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle freely and network with colleagues while sampling a wide array of San Francisco’s delicious cuisines at food stations. There will be dancing to the sounds of a San Francisco DJ.

In addition to the talented early career investigators who will be honored, the benefit will pay tribute to Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD, Chief Medical Service, University of California at San Francisco. Dr. King will be the recipient of the 2012 Breathing for Life Award, the highest honor conferred by the Foundation on an individual for philanthropy.

The continuation of unrestricted and matching research partner grants will depend on the Foundation’s ability to raise funds from ATS members like you. Thanks to your past support, the Foundation will be funding three unrestricted grants, one more than last year. To register, please use this link: <https://www.xpressreg.net/register/thor052/foundation>. For more information, please visit: <http://foundation.thoracic.org>, or contact Lydia Neumann: Lneumann@thoracic.org.