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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Members of the Nursing Assembly,

Our overarching goal this year is to make the American Thoracic Society Assembly on Nursing, and the International Conference experience as welcoming and accessible as possible, especially for first-time attendees and trainees or members in transition who are still learning to navigate the Society and the Conference. With that goal in mind, the Nursing Assembly Executive Committee has assembled the following Top 10 Tips for enjoying the International Conference:

10. Look for helpful publications such as the Daily Bulletin, the Highlights for Clinicians, and the Roadmap for Professionals in Transition and Training, and use them to help you identify sessions and meetings of interest to you.
9. Check out the resources at the ATS Center, including samples of Patient Education materials, purchase a commemorative T-shirt, and receive a free DVD of all the abstracts from the conference.
8. Be sure to attend the Nursing Meet & Greet on Sunday morning at 11:30 am in the Clinician's Center, the Nursing Year in Review Symposium on Monday afternoon, and the Assembly Membership Meeting and orientation for new members on Monday evening starting at 4:30 pm.
7. Whenever you attend Year in Review sessions, look for the publication with annotated bibliography and highlights from each presentation that is typically available in the back of the room.
6. If you like FREE coffee, attend the morning and afternoon coffee breaks in the exhibit hall. And if one coffee station is crowded, look around... there are several coffee service tables set up.



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5. If you need a professional head shot photo of yourself, stop by the free photo booth, compliments of ATS!
4. Thematic poster sessions are a wonderful way to meet people with interests that are similar to your own. Look through the program in advance to find the posters that interest you the most, and make a point of attending the thematic poster session during author times so you can meet the author and possibly others from their research team. I can assure you that the authors will be thrilled to talk with you and learn of your interest in their research!
3. Wear comfortable shoes!
2. Use the online resources and conference app to plan your itinerary in advance. If you need additional assistance, come to the Nursing Meet & Greet on Sunday morning and ask someone who looks like they know what they're doing—they will be happy to help you! Look through this newsletter for all of the activities and sessions specific to nursing, and make sure those opportunities are included on your itinerary.
1. If you recognize a nametag of an author or speaker whose work you appreciate, please introduce yourself! Most attendees are thrilled to learn that you appreciate their work and they are happy to meet you. Another option—contact an author or speaker prior to the conference, and make an appointment to meet them for coffee. Many of us have found life-long mentors or friends by doing this.

This Nursing Assembly Newsletter holds the key to a successful and productive ATS International Conference for members of the Nursing Assembly and friends who share our interests in interprofessional practice and research, symptom management, palliative care, care of families and caregivers, patients' perspectives on health and illness, integrative therapies, international health, and eHealth, to name a few of our collective interests. Please use this newsletter as a resource in advance to plan your activities during the Denver conference, and while you are there to ensure you connect with other assembly members who share your interests. All of the committees and workgroups that are sponsored by Nursing Assembly have reported their activities for the year within the pages of this newsletter; all of the nursing executive committee welcome your input and involvement. Email addresses for Nursing Assembly leaders are listed on our assembly webpage at <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/nur/index.php>. Please contact any leader listed there who represents an area of interest for you.

We are getting really excited to make new friends and catch up with everyone during our time in Denver this year. The Nursing Assembly is dynamic because of the ideas and energy of its members. I welcome your ideas on how to make the Assembly, Society, and Conference welcoming and accessible. Looking forward to seeing you soon!



Tweet your experiences at the International Conference in Denver! Use #ATSNurse in your tweet to share the exciting things you're doing; and search for #ATSNurse on Twitter if you want to follow the escapades of your fellow nurses at the conference. If you prefer Facebook, like the ATS Nursing Assembly official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/pages/ATS-Nursing-Assembly/1575558556066802, and share your experiences there.



Update from Program Committee

Margaret Campbell, PhD (Chair) and Janelle Yorke, PhD (Chair-Elect)

In honor of the 25th anniversary of ATS we have a special Nursing Year in Review forthcoming at ATS 2015. Four highly successful ATS nurse scientists have agreed to give a historical overview and a future prediction about their areas of research. These colleagues have long contributed to our body of science and have mentored a number of us. We are eager to hear from Dr. Virginia Carrieri-Kohlman about dyspnea, Dr. Janet Larson about pulmonary rehabilitation, Dr. Leslie Hoffman about critical care, and Dr. Terri Weaver about sleep.

Proposals for major symposia, sunrise seminars, workshops, meet the professor seminars, and post-graduate courses are due in early July. Watch your email for notices and use your networking opportunities at ATS 2015 to begin planning. Dr. Janelle Yorke and her committee will be industrious in guiding you through the process of developing a dynamic program for ATS 2016.

ATS 2015 - Denver Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Nursing

Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Saturday, May 16, 2015			
PG21	CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 17, 2015			
A8	USE OF TELEHEALTH TO PROMOTE SELF-MANAGEMENT OF PULMONARY DISEASES, SLEEP DISORDERS AND CRITICAL ILLNESS	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
A81	NURSING YEAR IN REVIEW	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
C88	PALLIATIVE MANAGEMENT OF RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
C91	STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PEDIATRIC ASTHMA DISPARITIES THROUGH CARE COORDINATION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 17, 2015			
MP41 2	LONG TERM MANAGEMENT OF TRACHEOSTOMY	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
C16	PALLIATIVE CARE/END OF LIFE CARE	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Monday, May 18, 2015			
B107	ASTHMA MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH EDUCATION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Monday, May 18, 2015			
B51	DYSPNEA AND END OF LIFE	9:30 AM	4:15 PM

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. DorAnne Donesky, Nursing Assembly past-chair Dr. Lynn Reinke, Dr. Kathleen O. Lindell, Ann M. Schneidman, Dr. Maureen R. George, Dr. Huong Q. Nguyen, Diana E. Hart, Monica Fletcher, Breanna Closen Hetland, Dr. Margaret A. Carno, Dr. Mary C. Kapella, Dr. Hyekyun Rhee, Dr. Jill Guttormson, Lynn Fukushima, Dr. Judy Tate, and Dr. 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 for a 2-year term. 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 to evaluating the applications for ATS-provided criteria, special attention is given to those projects proposing nursing support with key representation of nurses on the project. In addition, members of the Nursing Assembly Planning Committee have been meeting via teleconference with the International Working Group to discuss possible Nursing Assembly project applications.

This is Dr. Chlan's final year serving as Planning Committee Chair. The Planning Committee leadership will transition to Susan Jacobs, RN, MS, during the 2015 ATS international conference in Denver, CO.

PLEASE CELEBRATE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE EARLY CAREER AWARD AND THE MARILYN HANSON AWARD DURING THE NURSING ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, 5-7 PM

We welcome your involvement in the Nursing Assembly. Please email Doranne@sbcglobal.net if you would like to participate in one of the following areas:

- Write or edit patient education materials***
- Personal profile on the Nursing website***
- Tweet or Facebook topics related to pulmonary, critical care, or sleep nursing***
- Join a workgroup or committee***
- Participate in the Integrative Therapies exploratory interest group***
- Join ad hoc group to identify the levels of nursing education and propose ATS support at each level***
- Submit pictures of ATS Nursing Assembly members for the website history in pictures***

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 PhD, RN and Carme Hernandez, RN

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.

Clinical Research Coordinators (CRC) Working Group

Co-Chairs: Nina Bracken, MSN, ACNP-BC and Kathy Lindell, PhD, RN

The CRC Working Group is proud to include over 20 national and international members from the Nursing Assembly. The goal of this group is to provide an assembly home for Clinical Research Coordinators at ATS to promote "recruitment and retention" for Nursing Assembly membership and to develop and promote educational activities for CRCs and Nursing Assembly members conducting clinical trials.

Over the past several months the working group has established priorities for the next 1-2 years. One such priority includes the development of a skills workshop geared toward clinical research coordinators and nurse coordinators offering a variety of pulmonary specific skills and corresponding didactic breakout sessions. This workshop is planned for the ATS International Conference 2016. We have also begun the planning process to produce a core curriculum resource book containing guideline-based recommendations for commonly encountered pulmonary skills consistent with job requirements for clinical research coordinators. This will be hosted on the ATS website as a downloadable tool for coordinators conducting clinical trials.

Early Career Professional Working Group

Chair: Gene Bauldoff PhD, RN & Sharron Crowder, PhD, RN

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

Nursing Website Committee

Catherine A. Vitari, BSN, RN and Kathleen Abode, BSN, RN, MPH

The newly designed ATS website is up and running with a new look and improved search capabilities. The updated Nursing Website includes our history pages, photo gallery and growing number of member profiles. These are great resources to get to know nursing assembly members and identify common areas of interest. The full listing of officers and committee members allows assembly members to keep in touch, share news, and ideas. Links to national and international nursing organizations and educational resources are available. Plans to update quality of life measures in conjunction with the Behavioral Science and Health Services Research Assembly are in the works.

Patient and Family Education Committee

Kathleen O. Lindell, PhD, RN

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.

**Assembly on Nursing
Invites you to join us at this year's ATS**

- ◆ **Nursing Early Career Professional Working Group**—Sunday, May 17, 6:45-8:15 AM
Sheraton Hotel—Governors Square 9 (Concourse Level)
- ◆ **Nursing Meet & Greet Reception**—Sunday, May 17, 11:30-12:30 PM
Clinicians Center—Convention Center E Concourse (Street Level)
- ◆ **Nursing Year in Review**—Sunday, May 17, 2:15-4:15 PM
Convention Center—Room 108/110/112 (Street Level)
- ◆ **Integrative Therapies Exploratory Interest Group Meeting**—Sunday May 17,
4:30-5:30 PM-Sheraton Hotel—Plaza Court 4 (Concourse Level)
- ◆ **Nursing New Member Orientation**—Monday, May 18, 4:30-5:00 PM
Sheraton Hotel—Governors Square 15 (Concourse Level)
- ◆ **Nursing Membership Meeting**—Monday, May 18, 5:00-7:00 PM
Sheraton Hotel—Governors Square 15 (Concourse Level)


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Come to the Nursing Membership Meeting and enter for a chance to win a 1 Year ATS Membership

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2015 ATS International Conference in Denver

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Policy Statement, Research Statement, Clinical Practice Guideline, Workshop Report, or Technical Standards), please consider attending one or more of these free opportunities while you are in Denver at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop: Friday, May 15th from 6-9 PM, Governor's 14, Concourse Level, Plaza Building, Sheraton Denver Downtown. This session is required for both current and new guideline panel chairs, as well as the chairs of new document projects. The session is recommended for the chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to Katrina Gorres at kgorres@thoracic.org if you have not already done so. The schedule is as follows:
 - o 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.
 - o 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.
- Guideline methodology training program: All ATS clinical practice guidelines require the support of an experienced methodologist; however, there is a shortage of methodologists from which to derive the support. The ATS has a guideline methodology training program that provides on-the-job training to individuals who are interested in becoming a methodologist. Applications for the training program are available at <http://www.thoracic.org/statements/document-development/index.php>. An informational session is being held on Monday, May 18th from 7 pm until 8:30 pm at the ATS International Conference for anyone who is interested in learning more about the program. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Kevin C. Wilson, MD, ATS Senior Director of Documents and Medical Affairs at kwilson@thoracic.org. Space is limited.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a full day, half day, or meal meeting in Denver, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment for Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor and ATS Senior Director of Documents and Medical Affairs) 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 brozekj@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. Contact John Harmon at jharmon@thoracic.org for dates and times.

ATS Patient Education Resources

- ATS continues to expand its patient education resources - there are currently more than 70 high quality patient oriented fact sheets on a range of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep topics including both common and rare diseases such as COPD, VCD, and HPS; common procedures and diagnostic tests such as sleep studies, lung function studies, and bronchoscopy; and special focus topics including palliative care and lung cancer prevention. These fact sheets are available at no cost via the ATS website at www.thoracic.org under the Patients Tab. See pieces that you like? Feel free to use them in your practice and share them with others! Have new topics you'd like to propose? Contact Judy Corn at jcorn@thoracic.org with your ideas and feedback.

ATS Assembly Members Give Generously to the ATS Foundation

At the 2014 Leadership Summit, assembly leaders voted to establish an ATS Assembly Challenge in support of the ATS Foundation. The Challenge kicked off on #GivingTuesday, on December 2, 2014, a special day worldwide dedicated to the joy of giving, and ran all month long.

Gifts both large and small were received and much appreciated. December giving from assembly members rose from \$121,970 in 2013 to \$170,974 in 2014—an increase of \$49,000! These gifts are greatly meaningful to young investigators at risk of terminating their careers in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. Your generous gifts to the ATS Foundation help launch careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care.



Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology; Gregory P. Downey, MD, chair for the Assembly on Allergy Immunology & Inflammation; and Kristin A. Riekert, PhD, chair for the Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research, proudly display their 2014 ATS Assembly Challenge awards

Personal outreach from assembly chairs especially helped drive giving to the ATS Foundation.

“Without member support, amazing programs such as MECOR and young investigator research grants wouldn’t exist. If every ATS member gave even a small donation, even more ground-breaking research and training could be supported,” said **Kristin A. Riekert, PhD**, chair for the Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research.

Dr. Riekert sent personal messages to her fellow BSHR members to encourage them to give, and capitalized on the momentum of #GivingTuesday to encourage giving. That outreach made a tremendous difference.

Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, also sent messages to his fellow RCMB members and spurred giving through #GivingTuesday.

“For me the participation of RCMB members in the assembly challenge was very, very meaningful,” said Dr. Kaminski. “The fact that they made the effort and donated (and many did) demonstrated their commitment to our community and to the future of respiratory research.”

There were three ways to win the Challenge: be the assembly with the most dollars raised in 2014, be the assembly with the highest member participation rate, and be the assembly with the largest average gift per member.

Allergy Immunology & Inflammation raised the most dollars in the ATS Assembly Challenge with \$63,549. **Behavioral Science and Health Services Research** had the highest member participation with 20.86%, and the largest average gift per member with \$98.27. **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology**'s outstanding outreach efforts led to the creation of a brand new award in recognition of having the most first-time givers. Their outreach efforts inspired 26 members to give to the Foundation for the very first time during December alone!

Congratulations to the Allergy Immunology & Inflammation, Behavioral Science and Health Services Research, and Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology assemblies! They will receive special recognition in a number of ATS communications, at ATS 2015, and within their own assemblies.

The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their generous support and for rising to the challenge. Your giving is life-changing for young investigators, patients, and communities worldwide. To learn more about the ATS Foundation or to make a gift, visit foundation.thoracic.org.

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2016!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2016. 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 Susan S. Jacobs, RN, MS at ssjpulm@stanford.edu.

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

Connect with your ATS assembly on social networks for the latest on journal clubs, webinars, ATS International Conference activities, and much more!

On Facebook:

ATS All Assembly
ATS SRN Assembly
ATS MTPI
ATS Assembly on
Thoracic Oncology

ATS RSF Assembly
RCMB Assembly
of the American
Thoracic Society
ATS Section on Genetics
and Genomics

ATS Environmental,
Occupational and
Population Health
Early Faculty/Fellows
ATS Nursing Assembly

On Twitter:

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@ATS_MTPI @ATS Nursing
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@ATS_RSF



Also look for the main ATS social media accounts:

Twitter: @atscommunity

Facebook: American Thoracic Society

Instagram: atscommunity

LinkedIn: American Thoracic Society



Assembly on Nursing Membership Meeting

*Monday, May 18th
5:00pm-7:00pm*

*Nursing New Member Orientation
4:30pm - 5:00pm*

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

*Governors Square 15
Concourse Level*

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

Refer a Nursing Student to the ATS!

Do you know a nursing student in a prelicensure, advanced practice, doctoral, or fellowship program who could benefit from ATS membership? Nearly 20 per cent of ATS members are currently in training, and many ATS leaders joined as trainees too. And there's a BONUS! ATS Trainee Members receive their **first year of membership for FREE!** After the first year, trainee member dues are just \$100 per year for US members, and \$40 per year for international members, as long as the member is still in training. Read what Trainee members say about the value of membership:

ATS membership helps you to keep up-to-date with innovations in pulmonary medicine with access to journals, publications, guidelines and the Fellows corner.

Ajay Kasi, California

The ATS membership is the best option to participate in the world's biggest thoracic society, be an important part of scientific exchange and access the best scientific publications.

Adrian Ceccato, Argentina

My membership gives me the opportunity to expand my knowledge on pulmonary diseases in general and in interstitial lung diseases in particular through news, e-mails, journals, special learning opportunities (like the ILD video series) and the annual meeting.

Sandra Chartrand, Canada

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Integrative Therapies Exploratory Interest Group Meeting

*Sunday May 17th
4:30pm-5:30pm*

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

*Plaza Court 4
Concourse Level*

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By keeping your profile current, you help us provide programs and services that are targeted to you, and it also ensures accuracy when you register for the International Conference.



Enter the BEAR Cage

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition was open to all ATS members who are early career investigators. Applicants were asked to submit an innovative clinical or translational research proposal for consideration and the opportunity to participate in the live BEAR Cage at ATS 2015. You are invited to join us at the Science and Innovation Center to see the selected top three finalists competitively “pitch” their highly innovative research proposals to a panel of translational science experts representing academia, industry, and governmental sectors in front of a live audience. The panel, with audience participation, will vet the proposals with each presenter and ultimately award a grand prize winner a \$5,000 prize as well as two runner-up proposals, each receiving \$2,500. The goal of this unique event is to promote productive discussion of these innovative research ideas in the setting of a fun, yet competitive, forum promoting opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and improvement of the research proposal. To build on this concept, a DDDD committee-sponsored “project advisory team” will provide feedback and distance mentorship to the awardees over the ensuing year.