



# PEDIATRICS ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

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## Spring 2007

### MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

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A cold, rainy day in mid-February in St. Louis combined with putting together this newsletter inevitably leads to the anticipation of being in San Francisco for the ATS International Conference in May.

You all should have received the preliminary program for the International Conference at this juncture and can see the results of the tremendous efforts of Michael Schechter and his committee to put together an exciting and diverse series of sessions highlighting clinical and basic science research. In this newsletter, I hope to convey how exciting and rewarding this past year has been for the ATS and the Pediatric Assembly. As I indicated in last year's notes, one of the highlights of representing the Assembly as Chair is the

interactions it affords with colleagues nationally and internationally. Assembly members continue to contribute their talents, time and expertise in a variety of roles that serve not only pediatric pulmonary medicine but the respiratory health of the population in general. The willingness of Assembly members to take on such responsibilities as document review, patient advocacy materials, patient teaching materials, ATS committee work, consensus conference attendance, etc is nothing short of astonishing. As I did last year, I would like to highlight some of the activities with which Assembly members have been involved in the past year.

1. Strategic Planning: As most of you know, **Susanna McColley** from North-

western has chaired the ATS Strategic Planning Committee since she completed her term as PEDS Assembly Chair. The following was provided by Susanna:

#### **American Thoracic Society Strategic and Tactical Planning Susanna A. McColley, MD, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee**

The ATS has completed strategic planning and is now committed to bringing goals and objectives delineated during that process into the work of the ATS. This work, called "tactical planning", will bring the strategic plan to life through the activities of ATS officers, staff, committees and assemblies.

#### *Development of the Strategic Plan:*

The first step in strate-

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gic planning was articulation of the ATS Vision. Mark Lipton of the Voussoir Group, our consultants in the development of the plan, states "A vision is about possibilities, desired futures, expressed optimism and hope". Vision development entailed a reflective process that asked the questions: Who benefits from our efforts? What difference can we make in the world? Who are the current and future individuals we will be serving?

The Vision was developed by the 20/20 group, and was informed by ATS member focus groups and surveys. A summary of the Vision was distributed at the 2005 ATS International Conference.

Following vision development, strategic goals and objectives were developed via "strategy groups", comprised of over 100 ATS members and staff. Strategic goals are derived from

the ATS Vision and are listed in the table. These groups developed and prioritized strategic objectives and tactics based on the ATS vision. During a planning retreat, leaders of the strategy groups refined and further prioritized objectives. These were then reviewed by members of the Planning Committee, Executive Committee and ATS staff. The Strategic Plan was approved by the ATS Board of Directors in Spring 2006.

In Summer 2006, ATS President John Heffner created Committee Clusters to align committees working on related ATS business in finalizing objectives, goals and tactics for the current year. Assembly chairs were also engaged in feedback on the objectives, goals and tactics. Through a series of conference calls and meetings, the Strategic Plan was used to drive the work of ATS committees. Finally, the Program and

Budget Committee met in November 2006 to finalize the budget and thus fund tactics for 2007.

*What happens to the Strategic Plan next?*

The Strategic Plan is being used to drive the work of the ATS. On the highest level, the organization will derive its activities from the Vision and Strategic Goals. Numerous tactics have been proposed that can help further our goals; through ongoing fundraising and by incorporating the tactics into the work of committees and assemblies, we will grow and thrive as a robust Society.

### Strategic Goals

- Build awareness of the ATS
- Collaborate with other organizations with related interests
- Disseminate knowledge
- Enhance membership
- Grow research
- Meet the needs of

- clinicians
- Optimize organizational structure
- Partner with patients
- Diversify revenue
- Strengthen advocacy

2. The International Committee of the Pediatric Assembly is currently chaired by **Heather Zar** of South Africa. She and her committee have been in contact via numerous emails to discuss child lung health initiatives for advocacy and implementation. Those areas felt to be of great interest to the members of that committee include the availability of pneumococcal vaccine, environmental smoke exposure (including tobacco and indoor combustible fuels), and asthma control.

3. **Ann Halbower** from Hopkins continues to work with congressional staff members to improve the availability of pediatric medical devices and assure that post-

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marketing surveillance of medical devices includes their impact on children. In this role, she has interacted with representatives of the AAP, the Institute of Medicine and representatives from national orthopaedic organizations. Ann reports: Senator Chris Dodd (D-Connecticut) will be reintroducing a bill designed to improve the safety and availability of medical and surgical devices studied in and designed for children. First introduced in the last Congress by Senators Dodd, Mike DeWine (R-Ohio) and Hillary Clinton (D-New York), this bill is an important first step to increasing access to medical and surgical devices made for children. The ATS recognizes the paucity of safe pediatric medical devices, and has urged Senator Dodd to continue his work promoting this legislation. The bill is also supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics which has

worked with ATS to build the support of Congressional leaders including Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee. Senator Kennedy's committee is expected to move a package of FDA-related bills through the Senate early this year that can serve as the vehicle for passage of the pediatric devices bill. ATS and our partners will be working with Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee to introduce a similar bill in the House of Representatives.

4. Two documents endorsed by the ATS were published in a variety of media formats this past fall. **Marianna Sockrider** from Baylor was the ATS representative to a multidisciplinary group which published in print format and on the internet recommendations for the use of

influenza vaccine in children with asthma ([www.nfid.org/docs/asthma.html](http://www.nfid.org/docs/asthma.html)). Last fall, the AAP published a clinical practice guideline titled "Diagnosis and management of bronchiolitis" in the October issue of *Pediatrics* (also available at <http://aap-policy.aappublications.org/>). This document was endorsed by the ATS, the American College of Chest Physicians, and the American Academy of Family Practice. **Mark Brown** from Tucson ably served as the ATS representative to this very important effort.

5. Two ATS documents sponsored or co-sponsored by the Pediatrics Assembly were approved by the ATS Board of Directors and will be published this year. "Issues in screening for asthma in children" represents a report from a workshop held at the International Conference in May 2005. This was a

joint effort with the Behavioral Science assembly and was chaired by **Marianna Sockrider** and Lynn Gerald from UAB. The second document, "Pulmonary function testing in children: Recommendations", represents another publication from a long and distinguished collaboration of the joint ATS/ERS working group on pulmonary function testing in children. This particular effort was chaired by **Stephanie Davis** from Chapel Hill and **Enrico Lombardi** from Florence, Italy but many, many contributors played an important role in bringing this comprehensive document to completion.

6. Funding for trainees and international members. Two programs are in place for this year's conference to help defray costs of attending the ATS meeting for trainees and international members. Tom Ferkol from

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Washington University (and chair-elect of the program committee) was able to secure a \$15,000 grant from Chiron to support trainees interested in presenting at Pediatric Clinical Chest Rounds (chaired by **Marilyn Woo** from Los Angeles and **Phil Robinson** from Melbourne). In addition, the ATS International Trainee Travel Award program will provide funding for one member of the Assembly judged to be a "promising young international member".

7. Appointment of **Michelle Cloutier** from Hartford and **Debra Weese-Mayer** from Chicago to the Board of the ATS Foundation.

8. Funding of five PEDS Assembly projects (see below).

These just represent some of the highlights of the activities of the Pediatric Assembly and I wish to express my thanks to all the dedicated individuals who

make the ATS such a wonderful organization with which to be involved. Please don't hesitate to contact me or **Pam Zeitlin** (incoming Chair) if you wish to be more involved in Assembly efforts.

The ATS as an organization continues to do well financially and continues to meet its budgetary goals. It is anticipated that research funding will grow in 2007 and beyond. The ATS Foundation and the Funds for the Future program are critical to the success of the organization and its ability to fund meritorious research. Thanks to those of you who have contributed to this fund previously and a plea to all of you to consider a monetary contribution. From an administrative standpoint, the ATS will be in transition as **Carl Booberg**, the Executive Director of the ATS since 1998, has elected to step down. There is a search committee in

place to select his replacement. Carl has spent his career in service to the respiratory community beginning in 1966 as a trainee in the National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Career Development Program, eventually serving as CLAS President and in a variety of roles for the ALA and ATS before becoming the ATS Executive Director. His gentle guiding manner, his dedication and commitment to the ATS, and his grace and humor will be sorely missed. Please join me in wishing him the best.

I would like to thank **Howard Panitch** for serving so ably as the Planning Committee Chair this past year. Many thanks also to **Michael Schechter**, the Program Chair for this year's meeting, and his committee for putting together a terrific set of sessions for San Francisco. **Tom Ferkol** is the Program Chair-Elect for the '08 International Conference

and he would be happy to receive suggestions from the membership for symposia, post-graduate courses, meet the professor seminars, sunrise sessions, etc. **Pierre Barker**, Nominating Committee Chair, and his committee are putting together a slate of candidates for open PEDS Assembly slots.

Please plan to attend the PEDS Assembly Business meeting on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 at the San Francisco Hilton, Park Ballroom I&II. Refreshments will be provided this year by a generous grant from Genentech, Inc. and Gilead Sciences, Inc. I'd like to express deep appreciation to **Clement Ren** from Rochester who took the lead to secure this funding. Please note that this year's meeting will again be held on **Sunday** night of the meeting.



## UPDATE ON FUNDED PEDS ASSEMBLY PROJECTS

(with apologies to the PI's who sent this information and from whom I've shamelessly plagiarized)

### 1. "Pediatric Organization for World-wide Respiratory Research (POWRR) Meeting";

Principal Investigator: **Larry Lands, MD, PhD.** The goal of this organization is to foster and promote collaborative international research in pediatric lung health. For 2007, a clinical workshop on the environment and pediatric lung health is being held at the ATS meeting on Sunday, May 20, 2007. This workshop will serve as an educational tool to acquaint investigators and clinicians with health issues and indicate where research opportunities exist. Following this workshop, a 1-day meeting is proposed to be held at the 2008 ATS meeting, where keynote speakers (4-5) will address specific topics as to current knowledge and research opportunities on the environment and pediatric lung health, followed by break-out sessions where groups would discuss and develop

research collaborations, and build upon current research projects and collaborations.

### 2. "Central Hypoventilation Syndrome: Translational/Transitional Medicine Prototype";

Principal Investigator: **Debra Weese-Mayer, MD.** This represents a new project this year and is intended to update the last ATS statement on CCHS published in 1999. With the identification of the disease-defining gene (*PHOX2B*), CCHS has been identified as an example of diseases reflecting autonomic nervous system dysregulation, with occurrence of CCHS in an ever increasing number of individuals worldwide. This project will update the previous ATS statement with plans to address: a revised genetic and clinical definition to provide early diagnosis and optimal management of CCHS, *PHOX2B* genotype/CCHS phenotype cor-

relations to optimize and individualize clinical management, clarification of the role of the adult pulmonary practitioner in caring for maturing children with CCHS and adult patients who escaped diagnosis in childhood to improve case identification and long term management, and an expanded understanding of the autonomic nervous system as it relates to CCHS. It is anticipated that the document will be ready for review in early 2008.

### 3. "Recommendations for the Evaluation, Diagnosis, and Treatment of the Infant with Suspected Interstitial Lung Disease";

Co-Principal Investigators: Robin Deterding, MD, Leland Fan, MD, Susanna McColley, MD, Claire Langston, MD, Geoffrey Kurland, MD. The Pediatric Lung Disease Consortium, also known as the CHILD Research Cooperative, is in the final stages of preparing a

Consensus Statement, currently titled "Interstitial Lung Disease in Infants and Children: Clinical Description, Pathologic Classification, Evaluation, and Management". Currently (as of January 24, 2007) the manuscript is being reviewed by the central writing group and two overall reviewers. The group's plan is to submit the Statement to the ATS (hopefully by July 1, 2007) for consideration for publication. The writing group has also tried to arrive at recommendations for future research that will help us better define, diagnose, and treat children with interstitial lung disease.

### 4. "Diagnosis and Management of Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia";

Principal Investigator: Margaret W. Leigh, MD. The PCD interest group met for a dinner meeting during the 2006 International Conference. The group is in the process of put-

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ting together final recommendations and it's anticipated that a manuscript will be finalized this year.

**5. "Working Group on Infant and Young Children Pulmonary Function Testing";** Co-Principal Investigators: Stephanie Davis, MD and Enrico Lombardi, MD and Principal Investigators: Marcus Jones, MD and Nicole Beydon, MD. This

project represents a unique collaboration between the Pediatric Assemblies of the ATS and ERS with members who are experts in the field of infant and preschool lung function testing. The current objectives of this multinational taskforce are to promote knowledge in the field of preschool/infant lung function testing through workshops and published state-

ments summarizing current knowledge and suggesting avenues for new research. The taskforce has submitted eight manuscripts that detail guidelines and clinical implications for different preschool lung function techniques including gas mixing, spirometry, tidal breathing, forced oscillometry, interrupter resistance, and bronchial challenge testing. These manu-

scripts have been combined into one large submission which has been approved by both the ATS and ERS boards and will be published in 2007. These documents will promote standardization among users and manufacturers of infant and preschool lung function testing equipment.

## PLEASE CONSIDER SUBMITTING AN ASSEMBLY/COMMITTEE PROJECT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IN FY2008

For your information, the FY2008 (January 1-December 31, 2008) project application forms for Assembly/Committee projects will be available on the ATS website ([www.thoracic.org](http://www.thoracic.org)) on May 1, 2007. There will be a link to the project submission forms on the ATS homepage. Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have an idea for a

project application and you need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee chair Howard Panitch at [panitch@email.chop.edu](mailto:panitch@email.chop.edu).

The timeline for the application and review process follows:

- ◆ May 2007: FY2008 forms are available
- ◆ July 23, 2007: Assembly/Committee project applications are

due to the ATS office. Late submissions will not be accepted.

- ◆ Early-mid August 2007: abridged versions of the proposals will be posted on the ATS site and emails will be sent to ATS Leadership, Assembly Planning Committee Chairs, Assembly Chairs, ATS Committee Chairs, appropriate ATS staff and the PRS commit-

tee, to notify them that the current, unreviewed proposals are available. This will give everyone an opportunity to touch base with any of the applicants if they would like to get involved with a project before it goes to the PRS for review.

- ◆ August 1-17, 2007: Assembly Planning Committees will meet via conference

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call to review appropriate proposals. Any proposal that has indicated on the form that a specific ATS committee may want to become involved will be sent to the ATS committee chair and to the appropriate staff member. Committees are encouraged to work with appropriate ATS staff and review any proposals and to send recommendations to the applicant and to the PRS.

- ◆ September 4, 2007: Revised proposals and all reviews from Assemblies and Committees are due to ATS office. This includes any proposal that has revisions based on a review by an Assembly Planning Committee or an ATS Committee.
- ◆ Early October 2007: Program Review Sub-Committee (PRS) meeting
- ◆ Early November 2007: Program & Budget Committee (P&B) meeting. Recommendations from the PRS will be provided to the P&B Committee. At the discretion of the P&B Committee, specific projects will be added to the FY2007 budget as new items.
- ◆ December 2007: ATS Board reviews FY 2008 Budget

Please contact Monica Simeonova with any questions at tel: 212/315-8696 or email: [msimeonova@thoracic.org](mailto:msimeonova@thoracic.org).

### ATS ASSEMBLY ON PEDIATRICS 2007 SAN FRANCISCO SESSIONS

#### POSTGRADUATE COURSES

##### Friday, May 18

PG8	Lung Function Testing In Young Children: Clinical And Research Applications	8:00 am	4:00 pm
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##### Saturday, May 19

PG23	New Insights Into The Pathophysiology And Consequences Of Obstructive Sleep Apnea In Children	8:00 am	4:00 pm
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#### SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIA

##### Sunday, May 20

A85	State Of The Art Update: Prevention And Management Of Neonatal Chronic Lung Disease	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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##### Monday, May 21

B9	Pathophysiology Of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome In Children: New Questions, New Answers	8:15 am	11:00 am
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### SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIA

#### Monday, May 21

B81	Pediatric Year In Review	1:30 am	4:15 pm
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#### Tuesday, May 22

C3	Pediatric Clinical Chest Rounds	8:15 am	11:00 am
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C88	Pro-Con Debate In Pediatric Pulmonology	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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#### Wednesday, May 23

D8	New Insights Into The Young Wheezing Child	8:15 am	11:00 am
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D90	Current And Emerging Treatments For Cystic Fibrosis	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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### CLINICAL WORKSHOP

#### Sunday, May 20

WS2	Environmental Impact On Pediatric Lung Health	12:00 pm	1:30 pm
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### MEET THE PROFESSOR SEMINARS

#### Sunday, May 20

MP416	Plastic Bronchitis, Middle Lobe Syndrome, And Persistent Atelectasis	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
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#### Monday, May 21

MP516	Identifying, Managing And Treating Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
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#### Tuesday, May 22

MP614	Don't Hold Your Breath: Infant Apnea Monitoring In 2007	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
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### SUNRISE SEMINARS

#### Monday, May 21

SS114	Pulmonary Chest Imaging	7:00 am	8:00 am
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#### Tuesday, May 22

SS216	Infantile Pulmonary Hemorrhage	7:00 am	8:00 am
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#### Wednesday, May 23

SS316	Management Of Congenital Cystic Lung Lesions	7:00 am	8:00 am
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### MINI-SYMPOSIA

#### Sunday, May 20

A12	Wheezing Phenotypes	8:15 am	11:00 am
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#### Monday, May 21

B18	Molecular Biology Of Neonatal Chronic Lung Disease	8:15 am	11:00 am
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#### Tuesday, May 22

C95	Modeling RSV Infection And Host Response	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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### MINI-SYMPOSIA

#### Wednesday, May 23

D92	Corticosteroid Treatment Of Lung Disease - A Two-Edged Sword	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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### POSTER DISCUSSIONS

#### Sunday, May 20

A23	Obesity And Pediatric Respiratory Disease	8:15 am	11:00 am
A105	Risk Factors For Asthma: Endotoxin, Pollution, Diet	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

#### Tuesday, May 22

C25	Control Of Lung Development	8:15 am	11:00 am
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#### Wednesday, May 23

D26	Cystic Fibrosis: Biomarkers And Outcome Measures	8:15 am	11:00 am
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### THEMATIC POSTERS

#### Sunday, May 20

A32	Pediatric Sleep And Control Of Breathing	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A33	Pediatric Respiratory Infections	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A34	Pediatric Epidemiology: Risk Factors For Childhood Lung Disease	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A35	Pediatric Epidemiology: Outcomes And Management Of Lung Disease In Children	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A36	Developmental Lung Biology	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A37	Neonatal Lung Disease And BPD	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A38	Pediatric Critical Care	8:15 am	4:15 pm

#### Tuesday, May 22

C59	Pediatric Clinical Studies	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C60	Pediatric Pulmonary Measurement Techniques And Basic Studies	8:15 am	4:15 pm

#### Wednesday, May 23

D49	Cystic Fibrosis: Basic Science	8:15 am	4:15 pm
D50	Cystic Fibrosis: Translational And Clinical Science	8:15 am	4:15 pm

## PATIENTS TO SPEAK AT ELEVEN DESIGNATED ATS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at

eleven of the 2007 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well

within the format of the PAR Symposia for the last five years and at an increasing number of sessions at the 2004,

2005 and 2006 International Conferences.

This is the fourth year

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## PATIENTS TO SPEAK AT ELEVEN DESIGNATED ATS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA CONT'D

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that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation at the symposia to offer insight into their personal

journeys; to address their diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyles, family, career and relationships. They will share their insight into

what patients would 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	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
NRSG	A7	Controversies in Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
PED	A85	State of the Art Update: Prevention and Management of Neonatal Chronic Lung Disease (Parent's Perspective on BPD)	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
MTPI	A86	New Tools and New Challenges: Interferon Gamma Release Assays in the Diagnosis of TB Infection and Disease	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
AII	A87	Improving Outcomes after Human Lung Transplantation: Insights Gained Through Translational Proteomics, Genetics and Genomics Studies	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
EOH	A88	The Upper Airway and the Environment	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
RNS	A9	Vascular Homeostasis in Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
AII	B8	Challenging the Current Paradigm for Treating Asthma	Monday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
PED	B9	Pathophysiology of OSAS in Children: New Questions, New Answers	Monday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
CC	D4	Update on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Severe Sepsis	Wednesday, May 23 8:15-11:00 am
PED	D90	Current and Emerging Treatments For Cystic Fibrosis	Wednesday, May 23 1:30-4:15 pm
PC	PG9	Pulmonary Embolism Diagnosis and Treatment: State of the Art 2007	Friday, May 18 8:00-4:00 pm

## ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the sixth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in San Francisco on Tuesday, May 22nd from 8:15-11:00 a.m. The topic will be "Pulmonary Hypertension – Basic, Translational and Clinical" chaired by Peter D. Wagner, M.D. and Judith Simpson, RN, EdS. The program includes the following:

- Classification of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension – D. B. Badesch, M.D., Denver, CO
- Genetics of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension – C. G. Elliott, MD, Salt Lake City, UT
- Pathogenesis of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension – L. Rubin, M.D., San Diego, CA
- Fueled By Hope: Living with Pulmonary Hypertension – C. S. Tillman Dick Baltimore, MD
- Current Therapies: Prostanoids, Endothelin Receptor Antagonist and Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors – R.J. Barst, MD, New York, NY
- Stem Cell Therapy – D.J. Stewart, M.D., Toronto, Canada
- Future Therapies: Antiproliferatives and Others – J.H. Newman, M.D., Nashville, TN
- Our Meghan's Fight to Breathe – C. Hicks, Gig Harbor, WA

Center. Public Interest Organizations (PIO's) concerned with lung and sleep disorders will present information about their organizations. A representative from each organization will be present at the poster session to provide additional information.

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 20 until Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in the Exhibit Hall of the San Francisco Moscone

### ATS Public Advisory Roundtable's First Annual

### *Breathing Better with the ATS Forum*

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PARC 55 Hotel located at 55 Cyril Magnin St., San Francisco  
 RSVP by: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 by emailing [par@thoracic.org](mailto:par@thoracic.org) or call  
 Karen Belgiovine at (212) 315-8640

If you have any patients in the San Francisco area, please encourage them to attend. They will have an opportunity to hear from and network with other patients and experts in the pulmonary community.



# *Assembly on Pediatrics Membership Meeting*

Sunday May 20th  
6:30pm-8:30pm

Parc 55  
Park Ballroom I & II

Refreshments will be provided through  
a generous grant from  
Genentech, Inc. & Gilead Sciences, Inc.