

Pulmonary Rehabilitation Assembly

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Mission

To continually evaluate the role of PR using both quantitative and qualitative methods and educational tools for both clinicians and patients. Investigations in the science and implementation of PR must continue to address **Availability, Effectiveness and Maintenance of benefits**

- Availability of PR to all who need it requires education and advocacy in both the health care arena and government institutions
- Effectiveness of PR requires further understanding of ways to target the unique needs of the individual patient
- Maintenance of benefits requires a deeper understanding of human behavior and ways to modify it

Background

- 1997, formed as a section under the Nursing Assembly
- Assembly status approved December 2007
- ATS Statements, Position Papers, Collaborations
 - ATS Dyspnea Statement 1998 (revision underway)
 - ATS Statement on Pulmonary Rehabilitation 1999
 - Guidelines for the Six Minute Walk Test 2002
 - ATS/ACCP Statement: Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing 2003
 - ATS/ERS COPD Guidelines 2004
 - ATS/ERS Statement on Pulmonary Rehabilitation 2006

Membership

- 75 Primary Members
 - 44 U.S. Only
- 179 Primary & Secondary
 - 118 U.S. Only
- 34% of total membership is international
- 25% of total membership is non-M.D.
- 16% of total membership is non-doctoral

Diversity of Membership

- Physicians- clinical, clinical research and basic research
- Nurses
- Physical Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Respiratory Therapists
- PhDs in all fields, especially PTs

PR Assembly Activities

- First IC as an Assembly May, 2009
 - 78 Abstracts submitted
 - 1 Post-graduate course
 - 2 Symposia
 - One in collaboration with the ACP to debate current guidelines for COPD management
 - 1 Evening Postgraduate Seminar
 - Participation in the COPD Thematic Seminar series
 - 1 Sunrise seminar and 1 Meet the Professor
 - 5 Poster sessions (including 2 mini-symposia, 2 poster discussion session & 1 thematic poster session)
 - Extensive Collaborative Sessions

Assembly Projects

- Workshop on The Integrated Care of the COPD Patient
 - Highlight the deficits in the current health care approach to COPD patients
 - Define the concept of integrated care as it applies to the treatment of COPD patients
 - Provide a framework for the integrated care of COPD patients

PR Assembly Communication

- Executive Committee Conference Calls
- Assembly Newsletter
- Assembly Website
- International Membership & Leadership on Committees and Joint Projects / Sessions

PR Assembly - Challenges

- New Assembly with broad based interest that cuts across many disease states and disciplines
 - Co-sponsorship - finding common ground for abstract review and proposals
- Increasing activity of new and junior members
 - Mentorship for junior members by executive committee members
 - Recognize those with abstracts and awards at Assembly membership meeting
 - Reception following membership meeting for informal discussion, welcome to new members, networking
- Improve website communication
 - Case conferences
 - Meet the professor
 - Journal club

PR Assembly – Areas of Growth

- Self–management education
 - Proposal submitted to ATS and ERS for a joint workshop
- Chronic Disease Management
 - Effort towards using PR as a template to address a continuum of care for patients with multiple co-morbidities (Cardiovascular Disease)

PR Assembly – Strategic partnerships

- European Respiratory Society (ERS)
- American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
- American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR)

PR Assembly – Leadership

- Chair: Linda Nici, M.D.
 - Incoming Chair: Suzanne Lareau, RN, MS, FAAN
- Committee Chairs
 - Program Committee: Richard ZuWallack, M.D.
 - Incoming Chair: Richard Casaburi, M.D. Ph.D.
 - Planning Committee: Roger Goldstein, M.D.
 - Nominating Committee: Chris Garvey, FNP, MSN, MPA
 - Web Committee: Brian Tiep, M.D.

Thank You

Questions?