

Robert C. Basner, MD, of New York, NY, and Nicholas Hill, MD, of Boston, MA, kicked off the assemblies' formal presentations by co-chairing a well-attended scientific symposium on Sunday morning, "NOCTURNAL NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION: THEORY, EVIDENCE, AND CURRENT BEST PRACTICE." This session, which highlighted the physiologic and evidence-based rationale for the use of nocturnal non-invasive ventilation (nNIV) for sleep related ventilatory disorders, current evidence-based optimal use and assessment of such therapy, and future research needs in the field, brought together a panel of internationally acclaimed experts to present their data and observations.

Particularly well received were presentations on new nNIV modalities and features by Sairam Parthasarathy (Tucson, AZ), the use of nNIV for COPD and the COPD/OSA Overlap Syndrome by Stefano Nava, (Bologna IT), application of nNIV for the sleep related breathing disorders associated with heart failure by Sharokh Javaheri (Mason OH), utilization of nNIV in obesity hypoventilation syndrome by Amanda Piper (Sydney, Australia), and the clinical use of tracking systems for nNIV adherence and efficacy over a broad spectrum of sleep related ventilatory disorders by Diana Hart (Auckland NZ).