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### **Message From The SASCO Outreach Committee**

Dear SASCO Interest Group Members,

Thank you to all who could make it to another successful meeting of SASCO at the ATS 2016 on Sunday May 15th. The meeting was very well attended. We would like to thank MEDA pharmaceuticals for their generous support for the luncheon.

After introductory remarks by Dr. Sanjay Sethi (co-chair), Dr Atul Malhotra, the ATS president expressed his enthusiastic support for SASCO and how it aligns with the ATS goals of global outreach and education. Following that, the first SASCO international scholarship was presented by Dr Malhotra to Dr. Manvi Singh for her highest rank abstract from a SASCO country submitted by a trainee. Dr. Singh is at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI) Chandigarh, India. The specific goal of the abstract scholarship award program is to inspire junior investigators to pursue sustained efforts in the areas of pulmonary, critical care and sleep-related medicine and research for the SASCO region. The award was made possible with the generous support of the ATS, and we hope to make this an yearly feature.

Following the presentation, the SASCO committees that had been established following the 2015 meeting presented their achievements and goals. Dr. Hetal Patel (Education committee) talked about establishing additional Scholarships for SASCO trainees. She talked about creating an externship program for international trainees. A pediatric pulmonology course has been planned in collaboration with several US based pediatric pulmonologists in New Delhi for November. Registration details will be communicated soon. More information can be obtained from Dr. Satya Hedge ([shedge@bsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:shedge@bsd.uchicago.edu)).

Dr. Gulshan Sharma (Mentoring committee) talked about building a portfolio of established investigators and clinician educators from South Asian subcontinent interested in collaborative research and mentoring. This needs to be followed by developing dyads of junior members and senior advisors for career advancement. He also discussed the various visa issues that SASCO members have to deal with and encouraged senior faculty to be generous in writing letter of support for visa waivers.

Dr. Ruxana Sadikot (Collaborative Research Committee) discussed potential areas for collaborative research between SASCO and US based researchers, and Dr. Irfan Rahamn presented examples of his successful collaborations. Dr. Virender Singh and Dr. Anurag Agarwal, SASCO members provided additional ideas of how collaborative research could be accomplished and the enthusiasm in the SASCO countries for such collaborative opportunities.

Dr. Rahul Kashyap (Outreach committee) presented the various accomplishments of the outreach committee including the Facebook page, the newsletter, the revamped webpage. He also presented the results of an outreach survey in SASCO countries.

Finally Sam Patel (co-chair, Fundraising committee) presented their goals of increasing support from corporate partners in the US and SASCO countries and increased involvement of Respiratory Societies of SASCO countries.

All committee chairs requested greater participation from the SASCO members to further their goals. The slides from the presentations at the meeting are available at the website and contain all the necessary contact information.

Please volunteer to join the working groups and/or send in your ideas. The contact information for the committee chairs for each of the working groups is available on the website. Help us to expand SASCO. We expect to establish a SASCO member directory soon to help everyone collaborate with each other.

Stay tuned for exciting news and collaboration opportunities. Join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ATS-SASCO-187614371581295/>

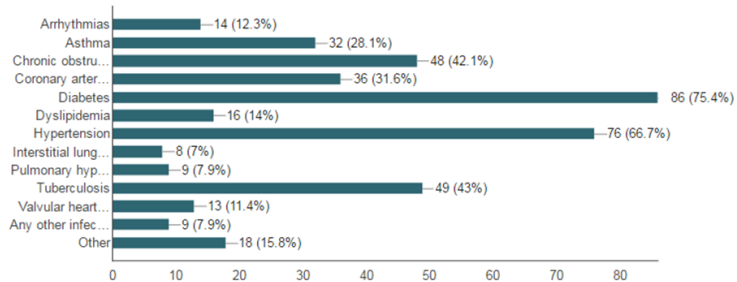
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## Clinical Practice

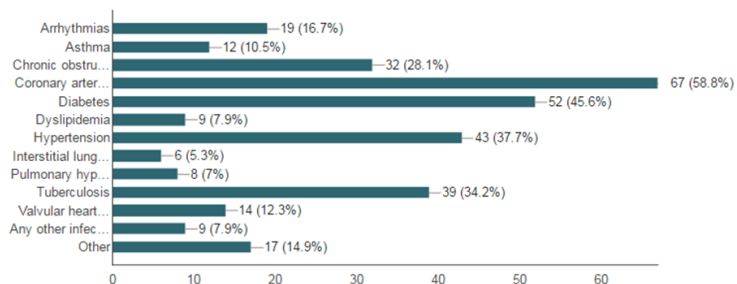
Which of the following is the most common medical problem/diagnosis that you encounter in your clinical practice?

(114 responses)



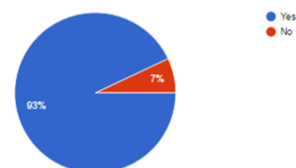
Which of the following is the most common cause of morbidity and mortality in your patient population?

(114 responses)



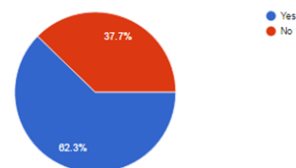
At the end of your current training will you be comfortable in diagnosing and treating the most common medical problem/diagnosis that you encounter in your clinical practice?

(114 responses)



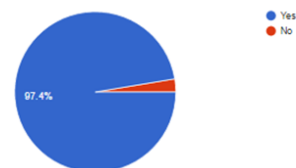
Are you aware of any latest research/development in the medical problems/diagnosis that you encounter most commonly?

(114 responses)



Do you think there is need for further research in your region/state/country regarding the medical problems/diagnosis that you encounter most commonly?

(114 responses)



Results from the first SASCO need assessment survey (Above)

Photos from ATS 2016 meeting (Below)

