- Volunteer to present a Journal Club paper
- Submit Quick Hit image-based cases with key clinical guestions

## Why you should join the TOA

Here's what TOA Leaders have to say about their enthusiasm for serving in the TOA.

"TOA provides a scientific, professional and social home for all of us who are interested in advancing clinical care and research for patients with thoracic malignancies. We invite you to contribute and to take advantage of the resources of the Assembly"

Charles Powell

"The time is now to step up and contribute. Let's make TOA the place to be for everyone with an interest in lung cancer care and research!"

– Michael Gould

"The TOA was established to promote the tremendous clinical advances that have been made in all aspects of lung cancer care, to foster commitment to multidisciplinary care, and to provide a forum for continued support of basic and translational research. Join us, you simply will not find a more engaging, dedicated, amazing, and collegial group of individuals"

– M. Patricia Rivera

"We created this assembly to attract and promote the best basic, clinical, and translational thoracic oncology science within the ATS. Diverse expertise that used to be spread over several assemblies now exists under one tent and we can make the ATS a place to be for lung cancer scientists and clinicians."

– Doug Arenberg

"I was a nobody before I started volunteering for ATS. I'm still a nobody, but I've been on tons more conference calls with somebodys than I ever imagined! Seriously, I've co-authored papers, been an investigator on multiple grant proposals, and worked with amazingly inspiring mentors and now collaborators, all because of my work with the ATS."

- Chris Slatore

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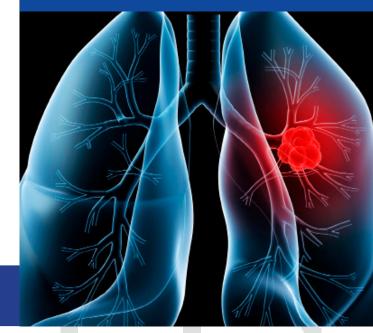
## Get Involved!

You can now register to become more involved in the ATS Assemblies, ATS Committees or both.

There are many ways to grow within ATS and the Assemblies and Committees are a great starting point.

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### ASSEMBLIES



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# Welcome

We would like to personally introduce you to the ATS Assembly on Thoracic Oncology (TO).

The Thoracic Oncology Assembly is the newest ATS Assembly. We are united by a common passion to reduce the morbidity and mortality of thoracic malignancies through clinical and research endeavors. We have a broad membership composed of physicianscientists, Ph.D. scientists, clinicians, clinicianeducators, health services experts, proceduralists, and nurses. Areas of interest among TOA members include:

- Mechanisms of cancer development
- Lung cancer screening

- Diagnosis and staging of lung cancer
- Pathology and molecular mutations of lung cancer
- Biomarker development and validation
- Molecular Targeted Therapeutics
- Patient-centered outcomes & shared decision-making
- Lung cancer epidemiology
- Mesothelioma
- Bronchoscopy and interventional pulmonology
- Pulmonary nodule evaluation
- Interaction of other pulmonary diseases with lung cancer
- Novel therapeutics for thoracic malignancies

## What do ATS Assemblies do?

The ATS and the International Conference are driven by the Assemblies. Assembly tasks include:

- Program Committee
  - Grading abstracts and assigning them to sessions
  - Suggesting ideas/formats for the Scientific Symposia, Postgraduate Courses, Meet the Professor Seminars, and Sunrise Seminars
  - Grading these proposals for inclusion in the International Conference
  - Assigning moderators to sessions at the International Conference
- Planning Committee
  - Discuss and evaluate ideas/proposals for Official ATS Documents including:
    - Clinical Guidelines
    - Workshop Reports
    - ATS Statements
    - Research or Policy Statements
- Nominating Committee
  - Responsible for reviewing/vetting members for leadership positions
- Website Activities:
  - Journal Club Webinars
  - Podcasts

## How you can join the TOA Assembly

Joining an Assembly is a great way to meet and interact with people that share similar interests. By participating in the TOA, you will interact with investigators, clinicians, and educators that are fellow experts in thoracic oncology.

The International Conference is overwhelming, especially for early career professionals. Joining an assembly is the best way to begin to whittle things down to size, find your home, network with like-minded colleagues, and get involved with the International Conference at the grass roots level.

Importantly, the ATS is a volunteer organization, meaning, if you want to get involved and shape the direction of the organization and the field of thoracic oncology, VOLUNTEER!

Here are some ways to get involved:

- Designate TOA as your primary or secondary assembly by visiting the ATS website, clicking on the members tab and selecting "Update Your Profile"
- Designate your abstract in a Thoracic Oncology category
- Attend the TOA Membership Meeting at the International Conference
  - Meet your peers
  - Discover new colleagues with common interests
  - Discuss your research projects and develop new collaborations
- Volunteer for the Program Committee
- Volunteer to moderate a session at the International Conference (contact the Program Committee Chair)
- Submit an idea for a Major Symposium, Postgraduate Courses, Meet the Professor Seminar, or Sunrise Seminar
  - Ideally, contact the Program Committee Chair to discuss your idea prior to submission
- Submit a proposal for an ATS Official Document
  - Ideally, contact the Planning Committee Chair to discuss your idea