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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly Colleagues,

It has been an exciting first year of my term as Chair of the Behavior Science and Health Services Research Assembly. I have enjoyed working with all of you; we continue to have an extremely productive and involved assembly and continue to have a strong presence in the ATS. I need to thank all those who serve on the executive committee of the assembly; their input throughout the year has been invaluable.

Our assembly continues to provide expertise to the ATS and advance the mission of the ATS. Given our skill sets, we were asked to convene a Survey Working Group to review surveys before they are pushed out to the greater ATS membership. We have answered the call and provided advice and suggestions that have likely made the surveys that we have reviewed much better. In many ways, the development of the Survey Working Group mirrors the development of Documents Committee where our assembly answered the call from the ATS Leadership to add rigor to the approach to ATS Guidelines. I would like to thank all of our members who participated in these survey reviews this last year. Any member with an interest in joining the effort should contact me via my email (goss@uw.edu). Our mission as an Assembly seems to be extremely well aligned with the ATS Board of Directors and we continue to lead the way. Our focus and commitment to evidence based medicine, guideline development, health disparities, patient-centered research, implementation science, and health services research to medical education research make us an invaluable asset to the ATS. We are also extremely diverse with allied health providers, PhDs and MDs involved in a wide array of research arenas and clinical settings in pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Some additional key highlights for the year include the following:

Both the Planning Committee and the Program Committee have been very active. Dr. Erin Kross had lead a remarkable committee with 4 new projects approved (2 as primary assembly sponsor and 2 as a co-sponsor) and 8 projects renewed. The upcoming ATS meeting in Washington DC will clearly highlight a number of the key areas our Assembly focuses on. Drs. Colin Cooke and Laura Feemster have done a great job programming a terrific meeting. Our Mentoring Program lead by which was relaunched two years under the leadership of Graham Carlos continues to be a success. The group has transitioned in leadership to Dr. Jared Chiarchiaro. Remember you can both gain experience and provide insight to young investigators through this program. You can sign up to be a mentor or a mentee here: BSHSR Assembly Mentoring Program.

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Christopher H. Goss, MD, MSc

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (Cont')

Our Web Committee has really been active. Ann C. Wu has worked hard to transform our presence on the ATS website. With two podcasts and a robust twitter account (over 1,000 tweets and over 200 followers on Twitter), two very well attended pot casts (download them at <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/bshsr/podcasts.php>) and a journal club. You can get access the recent and prior journal clubs from our Assembly at <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/bshsr/journal-club/>.

Other very active areas of our Assembly include the Evidence Synthesis Methodology Working Group (ESM-WG). This working group has become an essential component to the ATS mission.

The Section on Medical Education has continued to grow with more than a 1,000 members and have begun the process to become a formal Assembly. They've been very active doing podcasts and journal clubs and have also been intimately involved in programing for the ATS meeting. Dr. Allison Clay has done a terrific job leading this section as they move to Assembly status. The leadership will change at the meeting – the section will now be chaired by Dr. Jennifer McCallister. The Assembly leadership would love to hear your feedback on both the programing of the International Conference and the opportunities for active participation in the Assembly. We would also like to give a special thank you to all BSHSR members who donated to ATS Foundation during the ATS Assembly Challenge this year. The Foundation helps support ME-COR, a program near and dear to many BSHSR members' hearts as well as providing research grants for cutting edge research. For more information, see ATS Foundation Research Funding.

In addition to our other activities, we will be in the process of developing an Early Career Professional Working Groups (ECP) within our Assembly. Many of the other Assemblies have such Working Groups and they are very active within the Assemblies. The Executive Committee felt that this would be a great addition to our Assembly. You will hear more about this in the coming year.

Hope to see you at our Assembly Membership Meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2016, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. It is a great opportunity to connect with colleagues and meet new ones! We will also get updates from the ATS leadership, Editors of ATS Journals, and members of the BSHSR Executive Committee.

If you are new to ATS or to our Assembly, I encourage you to attend the Assembly meeting 30 minutes early (6:00 PM) to meet with me, and the rest of the BSHSR Assembly leadership. We would happy to answer questions you may have about our Assembly, including opportunities to join committees (Program, Planning, Web, Nominating) or working groups (Evidence Synthesis Methodology, Mentoring Working Group, Survey Working Group). See you in Washington DC.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Erin K. Kross, MD, Chair

The BSHSR Assembly Planning committee is pleased to report on another successful year as our Assembly members continue to advance the mission of the ATS with many funded and completed projects. We have maintained our excellent representation and unique contribution to the Society this year through important ATS projects. For FY2017 we received support for 4 new projects (2 as primary assembly sponsor and 2 as a co-sponsor) and 8 renewal projects.

The 2 new projects for which the BSHSR Assembly is the primary assembly are: 1) **Managing the Price of Pharmaceutical Therapies for Chronic Lung Diseases in the United States** led by Minal Patel, Lynn Gerald, Valerie Press and Joe Gerald; and 2) **An Official Research Statement of the ATS and NHLBI: Current Status and Future Directions in Lung Precision Medicine** led by Ann Wu and Blanca Himes with co-sponsorship from Allergy, Immunology & Inflammation and Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology. In addition to these projects, our Assembly is pleased to co-sponsor 2 additional new projects: 1) under the primary sponsorship of Thoracic Oncology with additional co-sponsorship from Nursing, **Evaluation of Coexisting Chronic Illness in Selecting Patients for Lung Cancer Screening: A Research Agenda** led by M. Patricia Rivera; and 2) under the primary sponsorship of the Nursing Assembly with additional co-sponsorship from Clinical Problems, **Optimizing Home Oxygen Therapy** led by Susan Jacobs. We had many excellent proposal submitted this year and are excited to support these important and timely projects.

All 8 projects submitted for renewal through the BSHSR Assembly were approved. Three of these ongoing projects are under primary sponsorship by our Assembly: 1) **Reducing Readmissions for COPD: Strategies, Issues and Results** led by Valerie Press, Laura Feemster and David Au; 2) **ATS Patient Reported Outcome Measures Resource** led by Michelle Eakin; and 3) **Patient Centered Outcomes Research in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine** led by Erin Kross, Laura Feemster, Howard Saft, Susan Bartlett and Sai Parthasarathy. We co-sponsor 5 ongoing projects approved for renewal: 1) under the primary sponsorship of Environmental, Occupational and Population Health, **An Official ATS/NHLBI Workshop Report: Respiratory Health Disparities** led by Juan Celedón and Jean Ford; 2) under the primary sponsorship of Critical Care, **Organizational Factors Associated with ICU Outcomes: A Systematic Review** led by Meeta Kerlin, Colin Cooke and Neill Adhikari (now published); 3) under the primary sponsorship of Critical Care, **Determining the Outcome Measures for Assessment after Critical Illness** led by Bronwen Connolly and Terri Hough; 4) under the primary sponsorship of Thoracic Oncology, **Optimizing smoking cessation interventions in lung cancer screening programs** led by Hasmeena Kathuria and Renda Wiener; and 5) under the primary sponsorship of Thoracic Oncology, **Standards for evaluating molecular biomarkers of lung cancer risk, early detection, and lung nodule management: When is the biomarker ready for clinical use?** led by Peter Mazzone and Catherine Rufatto Sears.

Finally, I am pleased to report that 3 of our Assembly projects successfully completed their work and were published in the past year: 1) **An Official American Thoracic Society Workshop Report: A Framework for Addressing Multimorbidity in Clinical Practice Guidelines for Pulmonary Disease, Critical Illness, and Sleep Disorders** led by Kevin Wilson, Michael Gould, Jerry Krishnan and Renda Soylemez Wiener was published in *Annals ATS* in March 2016; 2) **An Official American Thoracic Society Research Statement: Implementation Science in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine** led by Curtis Weiss, Carey Thomson and Jerry Krishnan was published in *AJRCCM* in October 2016; and 3) under the primary sponsorship of Critical Care, **An Official American Thoracic Society Systematic Review: The Effect of Nighttime Intensivist Staffing on Mortality and Length of Stay among Intensive Care Unit Patients** led by Meeta Kerlin, Neill Adhikari and Colin Cooke was published in *AJRCCM* in February 2017.

The BSHSR Assembly continues to help lead the ATS through its successful projects. We look forward to another highly productive year starting our new projects, completing current projects, and identifying and developing ideas for new projects for FY2018. New ATS project instructions and applications are generally available in June or July on the ATS website, with a deadline for submission in late July. If you have an idea for a new project, please contact the Chair of the Planning Committee, Dr. Erin Kross at ekross@uw.edu, or we can discuss together at the International Conference in Washington D.C. in May.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Colin Cooke, MD Chair and Laura Feemster, MSc, MD, Chair-Elect

The BSHSR Program Committee recently completed scheduling of programs for the 2017 ATS International Conference in Washington, DC. Thank you to the committee members for all of the hard work and attention to detail in review of abstracts submitted and your suggestions for programming.

The impact of BSHSR Assembly will be felt throughout the conference. This year we begin with two Post Graduate Course offerings. The first course, “Look Before You Leap: A User’s Guide to Clinical Research Evaluation,” will provide learners with a practical toolkit to systematically approach the evaluation of medical literature. The second course, “Racing to Excellence: The Art and Science of Critical Care Quality Improvement,” is a comprehensive look at how to improve care delivered in ICUs, from both a practical and research perspective. Both Post Graduate courses feature a combination of didactic and interactive break-out sessions that are dynamic and high-yield for learners.

We have two major scientific symposia that are sure to resonate with the ATS membership. The first, **Reducing Readmissions for COPD: Strategies, Issues and Results**, explores emerging strategies to reduce readmission for COPD. The second, **Gaming the System or Saving Lives: Pay for performance in the 21st Century**, highlights the concepts and controversies surrounding pay for performance in pulmonary and critical care. In addition to these two primary BSHSR symposia, we are jointly sponsoring three additional scientific symposia: one on discussing when and how intensivists should guide surrogates’ decisions, one on highlighting how lung cancer screening can be used as a teachable moment for smoking cessation, and one highlighting recent developments in implementation science. Finally, BSHSR is a secondary sponsor of several other scientific symposia with other assemblies.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT (Cont')

We also have 5 Mini-Symposia (as well as several others co-sponsored with other assemblies including Clinical Problems; Critical Care; Environmental, Occupational, & Population Health; Nursing; Pediatrics; and Thoracic Oncology), 6 Poster Discussion Sessions, and 5 Thematic Poster Sessions. We have 2 Meet the Professor Sessions Molly Osborne, MD will speak about how to develop leadership skills and Jean-Marie Bruzzese, PhD will discuss the impact of mental illness on pediatric asthma control) and 2 Sunrise Seminars (Michelle Eakin, MD will discuss how to interpret qualitative research and Kusum Mathews, MD will discuss operations approaches to improve critical care). Finally, we have a workshop discussing career advancement for clinician educators. Our assembly is very well represented this year throughout the IC!

BSHSR Assembly continues to take the lead in the programming of quality improvement studies for the International Conference. In addition, with collaboration with the Medical Education Section, we have also focused on programming medical education for the 2017 program, resulting in three noon seminars as well as a dedicated mini-symposium, poster discussion session, and thematic poster session.

We hope you will not only attend, but also engage in discussions, at the outstanding BSHSR programming at this year's conference! Thank you to our Program Committee Members for their time reviewing and suggestions for programming. We also thank those who submitted abstracts and program proposals. It is not too early to begin thinking of ideas for 2018, particularly in reference to Post-Graduate course offerings. The upcoming International Conference is a great time to meet with others and begin to solidify the ideas into concrete proposals for submission in early Summer 2016.

The 2016-2017 BSHSR Program Committee will be chaired by Laura C. Feemster, MD, MSc. The next BSHSR Program Committee meeting will be held early on Tuesday morning, at 6:30 AM on May 23rd at the Grand Hyatt in Independence Ballroom F on the Independence Level 5B. We hope you will be able to join us in shaping future programs.

If you have questions about this year's Program Committee, please contact Dr. Laura Feemster at lcecere@uw.edu.

See you in Washington, DC!

ATS 2017 - Washington, DC Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 19, 2017			
PG3	LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP: SKILLS FOR CRITICAL EVALUATION OF CLINICAL RESEARCH	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 20, 2017			
PG14	RACING TO EXCELLENCE: THE ART AND SCIENCE OF CRITICAL CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 22, 2017			
B9	GAMING THE SYSTEM OR SAVING LIVES: PAY FOR PERFORMANCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY	9:15 AM	11:15 AM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Tuesday, May 23, 2017			
C6	REDUCING READMISSIONS FOR COPD: STRATEGIES, ISSUES AND RESULTS	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 21, 2017			
A11	LUNG CANCER SCREENING AND TOBACCO CESSATION: THE TEACHABLE MOMENT?	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Monday, May 22, 2017			
B91	IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE IN PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE, SLEEP AND PEDIATRIC MEDICINE: HOW SOON IS NOW?	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 24, 2017			
D90	NUDGES IN THE ICU: WHEN AND HOW SHOULD INTENSIVISTS GUIDE SURROGATES' DECISIONS?	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Monday, May 22, 2017			
WS4	CAREER ADVANCEMENT FOR CLINICIAN EDUCATORS: FOSTERING LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS	11:45 AM	1:15 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 22, 2017			
SS101	MINING FOR GOLD: PERFORMING AND INTERPRETING QUALITATIVE RESEARCH	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 23, 2017			
SS202	BETTER "BOARDING": AN OPERATIONS APPROACH TO IMPROVING CARE AT THE ED-ICU INTERFACE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Monday, May 22, 2017			
MP502	THE ROLE OF YOUTH AND CAREGIVER ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION IN PEDIATRIC ASTHMA CONTROL	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Tuesday, May 23, 2017			
MP602	LEARNING TO LEAD: TIPS FOR SUCCESS	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 21, 2017			
A94	IMPROVING ASTHMA MANAGEMENT: RESEARCH AT THE FOREFRONT	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 22, 2017			
B93	UPDATES IN ADVANCED CARE PLANNING AND END OF LIFE CARE IN RESPIRATORY AND CRITICAL ILLNESS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 23, 2017			
C94	PSYCHOSOCIAL IMPACTS ON RESPIRATORY HEALTH AND CRITICAL ILLNESS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM

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Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Mini-Symposium			
Wednesday, May 24, 2017			
D13	THE REVOLVING DOOR: COPD HOSPITALIZATION AND READMISSION	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
D93	NOVEL APPROACHES TO TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PCCM CLINICIANS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 21, 2017			
A22	HEALTH SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS IN CRITICAL CARE	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
A23	EMERGING STRATEGIES TO TRAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Monday, May 22, 2017			
B23	NOVEL EPIDEMIOLOGY, MANAGEMENT, AND OUTCOMES IN ASTHMA	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
B102	EPIDEMIOLOGY AND OUTCOMES OF COPD AND ASTHMA/COPD OVERLAP	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 24, 2017			
D22	THE COURSE OF CRITICAL ILLNESS: ADMISSION TO FOLLOW-UP	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
D102	TEACHABLE MOMENTS AND OTHER NOVEL INSIGHTS IN SMOKING CESSATION	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 21, 2017			
A37	THE SPECTRUM OF COPD: EPIDEMIOLOGY TO OUTCOMES	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A38	IMPROVING QUALITY AND OUTCOMES OF CRITICAL CARE	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 22, 2017			
B37	INNOVATIONS IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B38	ASTHMA: A PANORAMIC VIEW	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 23, 2017			
C37	NEW INSIGHTS IN THE EPIDEMIOLOGY, MANAGEMENT, AND OUTCOMES OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS, ILD, AND RESPIRATORY DISEASE	9:15 AM	4:15 PM

EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS METHODOLOGY WORKING GROUP

Kevin C. Wilson, MD, Chair and Narayan Iyer, M.D., Vice Chair

The mission of the Evidence Synthesis Methodology Working Group (ESM-WG) is to provide a venue for ATS members who are interested in systematic reviews and/or clinical practice guideline methodology to collaborate and learn from one another.

Clinical Practice Guideline Methodology Training Program

The ESM-WG is home to the ATS' Clinical Practice Guideline Methodology Training Program, which is looking for individuals who want to learn how to lead a clinical practice guideline methodologically, which includes performing systematic reviews, appraising evidence, and formulating and grading recommendations using the GRADE approach. The ATS has a need to identify, train, and retain such individuals, in order to increase the society's methodological capacity to develop ATS clinical practice guidelines. The training program is in its fourth year and has enrolled 23 trainees (i.e., Methodology Scholars).

Individuals who are selected to participate in the program attend a two-day workshop that introduces the trainees to the steps of guideline development. Following the workshop, the trainees are eligible for assignment to an actual ATS clinical practice guideline committee. They work under the mentorship of the ATS methodologist or the ATS Chief of Documents and Medical Affairs to provide methodological support to the committee. The trainees are authors on the guidelines that they support and are able to publish systematic reviews performed in the context of guideline development as first authors. After participating in one or two guidelines, most trainees are ready to venture out as independent methodologists. Participation in the program is competitive. For information about the program or to apply, please contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org.

ATS Projects

Members of the ESM-WG work together to propose, complete, and publish ATS projects related to evidence synthesis or guideline development. The working group has published "Developing Performance Measures from Clinical Practice Guidelines" and "A Framework for Addressing Multimorbidity in Clinical Practice Guidelines". This year, the working group will meet to brainstorm new project ideas in anticipation of submitting a project proposal this summer. Anyone interested in welcome to attend. Please contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org for additional information.

Research

The ESM-WG would like to facilitate collaboration on research related to evidence synthesis, guideline development, and guideline implementation. If you have a research idea for which you are seeking feedback or collaborators, please contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Ann C. Wu, MD, Chair

This year the Behavioral Science and Health Services Research Assembly Web Committee produced the first two podcasts for our assembly. The first podcast took us behind the scenes of the Roflumilast or Azithromycin to Prevent COPD Exacerbations" (RELiance) clinical trial that produced a patient-centered study. Participants included the principal investigator, Dr. Jerry Krishnan, a representative from the COPD Foundation, Elisha Malanga, a COPD patient, Jean Rommes, an expert in applying design methods to produce user-centered experiences, Kim Erwin, and co-investigator, Dr. Robert Wise. The second podcast features Dr. Samuel Brown and discusses humanizing reform of the ICU and advance care planning, drawing on multiple aspects of behavioral sciences and ethics.

In October, we co-hosted a Journal Club with the ATS Tobacco Action Committee and the Assembly on Thoracic Oncology. The Journal Club was a success and focused on "“*Neuropsychiatric safety and efficacy of varenicline, bupropion, and nicotine patch in smokers with and without psychiatric disorders (EAGLES): a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled clinical trial.*"

We continue to have an active social media presence and provide regular updates on research performed by our assembly members. Please consider following our social media accounts on Twitter (@ATS_BSHSR) or Facebook. We currently have over 1,000 tweets and over 200 followers on Twitter. If you have questions or would like to join this committee, please contact Dr. Ann Wu at ann.wu@childrens.harvard.edu.

SECTION ON MEDICAL EDUCATION

Alison S. Clay, MD, Section Chair

The Section on Medical Education, in its second full year of existence, has continued to thrive. We have more than 1000 members and continue to be active at the international conference and throughout the rest of the year. Many of our initiatives are shared in newsletters each 6-8 weeks during the year. If you haven't seen these newsletters, please be sure to join the Section by visiting the [ATS website](#) and clicking "Update Your Profile" on the Members Tab.

Our Section Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 23rd 4:30-6:30 pm at Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel - Congressional Hall A (Ballroom Level). This meeting will include an update on the section, awards, and will then transition into a discussion on potential programming proposals for the international conference in 2018.

The Road to becoming an Assembly

We have begun a formal process on the road to becoming an Assembly. This begins by defining an official project. The goal of the project will be to propose best practices for promotion criteria for sub-specialist clinician educators. Project proposals are due each year in July. More on this at our Section Meeting. After having an official project approved, we must complete the project, publish the project, then vote on becoming a section and the name of the section.

Webinars:

Under the leadership of Garth Garrison, we have held two webinars this year, including:
Critical Care Ultrasound Training: Past Present and Future, led by Deepak Pradhan (and)
The Art of Asking Questions: This is not your average Quiz Show, led by Richard Schwartzstein and Molly Hayes.

We plan to hold two more webinars before the international conference, one on curriculum design and one on best tips for creating posters (an update from last year's webinar).

Webinars are all posted on our Section webpage: <https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/sections/me/webinar/>

Podcasts:

Rosemary Adamson is continuing to work on producing podcasts for the section and has added two additional podcasts, including How to teach during ICU rounds (by Ryan Clouser and Garth Garrison) and **A conversation on Medical Education professional development programs and qualitative research with Lynne Robins**

Podcasts are on the webpage: <https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/sections/me/podcasts.php>

Section WebPage and Social Media (Including Tweets and Blogs)

Laura Hinkle has taken over the leadership of the Section webpage and has worked to provide content that is more accessible and rapidly updated. We have hosted several blogs on articles of interest (blogs are present on 12 articles) and worked to have a more stable relationship on Twitter (goal is two tweets/week). Several section members have contributed to these efforts, including: Snigdha Jain, Lekshmi Santhosh, Erin Weatherbee, Sumit Bhargava

Follows us [@ATSMedEd](#) and/or look up our featured articles <https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/sections/me/featured-articles/>

Programming:

Jeremy Richardson has successfully lead efforts to increase our programming at the international conference and helped us to provide a feedback process to Section Members who proposed workshops, sunrise sessions, meet the professor sessions and symposia. We will have a similar process again this year, under the direction of Rosemary Adamson.

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SECTION ON MEDICAL EDUCATION (Con't)

Working Groups

We have begun to solicit leadership for two working groups- undergraduate medical education and educational research. If you have interest in being the lead for either of these working groups, please email Alison.clay@duke.edu and include

- What makes you qualified to lead the UME/Educational research working group? (course director, clerkship director, published curricula, published outcomes research, etc).
- What ideas do you have about leading this working group in the next year? (project ideas, ways to promote net-working, etc)
- What leadership experience do you have?

Section Leadership transitioning into the 2017-2018 Academic Year

Jennifer McCallister will become the Section Chair at this International conference and voting will soon be underway for the co-chair and nominating committees. We are also looking to transition current leadership roles (webinars, podcasts, the web page, the non-international conference programming chair, the planning committee, etc). Let us know (Alison.clay@duke.edu) if you are interested in any of these roles.

International Conference Programming:

The international conference will have several sessions of interest to medical educators. We have an official roadmap online: http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/sections/me/resources/roadmap-section_meded-17.pdf. Highlights from the roadmap include three medical education noon sessions (from 1215-115), including Teaching with Simulation: Practical solutions to common problems on Sunday, May 21; Educational Videos: Why and How to Make Them on Monday, May 22 and Playing to the Crowd: How to Engage your audience in large group teaching on Tuesday, May 23.

Mentoring Program

Jared Chiarchiaro, MD, MS, Chair

Our BSHSR Mentorship Program is thriving! Under the leadership of Dr. William Graham Carlos, the program has enjoyed increased exposure and participation. We are happy to have Dr. Jared Chiarchiaro from the University of Pittsburgh as the new Chair of the Mentorship Working

Group. Mentees and mentors are able to sign up via a link on the ATS homepage that helps triage participants to the assembly that best fits their needs. We are always in need of more mentors. Please considering signing up and encourage your colleagues to do the same. There is no requirement for a particular amount of experience or expertise to be a mentor. You never know how your experience will help a colleague.

We had great success last year matching mentees and mentors through a computer algorithm and will continue this year. The "match list" will be reviewed by our working group to ensure the matches make sense for both the mentor and mentee.

If you have questions please contact the Chair Dr. Jared Chiarchiaro at chiarchiaroj@upmc.edu.

Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research Membership Meeting

*Sunday, May 21st
6:30pm-8:30pm
Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown
Grand Ballroom South
Ballroom Level*

Be sure to follow us at **@ATS_Assemblies** for news on webinars, deadlines, and other things you might have missed in your inbox!



Meet Your Mentor HERE!



Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2017 ATS International Conference in Washington, DC, the Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentee to meet.

The Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting spot will be located in the Renaissance, Washington DC Hotel in the Carnegie room on the (Ballroom Level). The room will be available from:

Friday May 19th to Tuesday May 23rd between 7AM. to 7PM

Light snacks and beverages will be offered throughout the day. Laptops and printers will be made available for use and don't forget to pick up your Assembly Mentoring Program Ribbon and Pin!

We hope you can join us at the Assembly Mentoring Program's Meeting spot!

Interested in joining a mentoring program? Visit our Assemblies homepage and click on ATS Mentoring Program to learn more or contact Melinda Garcia at mgarcia@thoracic.org

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2018!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2018. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly/Committee Project Applications. Applications will be available on the ATS website at www.thoracic.org.

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have a suggestion for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee Chair Erin K. Kross, MD at ekross@u.washington.edu.

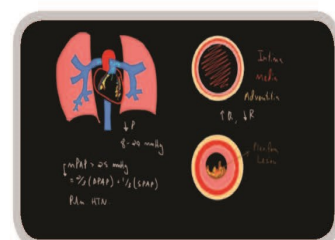
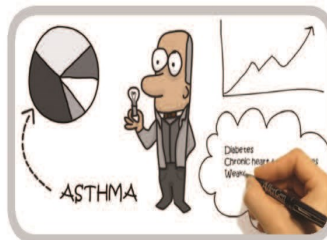
For questions regarding submissions please contact Miriam Rodriguez at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

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Do you have an amazing teaching video that you want to share with the world?
Then consider submitting to the Best of ATS Video Lecture Series (BAVLS).

For more information, please visit

<http://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/video-lecture-series/>



PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

Networking Exchange For Early Career Professionals

Saturday, May 20, 2017; 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Marriott Marquis • Washington D.C. University of DC/Catholic University (Level M1)

Free to all conference attendees

Attend a Workshop in the Center for Career (CCD)

Sunday, May 21 – Tuesday, May 23, 2017; 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Walter E. Washington Convention Center Hall D, (Middle Building, Level 2)

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ANNOUNCING ATS FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM 2017-2018 GRANT CYCLE

The Research Program is excited to announce that it is now accepting letters of intent! In 2017, the Research Program has increased the number of available Unrestricted Grants for early career investigators. In addition to 15 Unrestricted Grants, the portfolio offers grants with Alpha-1 Foundation, American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific, Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network, ResMed, PCD Foundation, Pulmonary Hypertension Association, and the ATS Foundation Tobacco-Dependence Research Fund, and 4 MECOR Awards. The deadline for letters of intent is June 6, 2017.

For more information on the current opportunities, please visit thoracic.org/go/researchgrants.

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ATS 2017 Exhibitors Doing Fundraisers for ATS Foundation

Actelion Pharmaceuticals US, Inc. in Booth 525

Actelion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will donate \$25 for each attendee who takes part in their “Join the Conversation” digital graffiti activity. They have pledged a maximum donation of \$25,000.

AstraZeneca in Booth 637

AstraZeneca will donate \$5 for each attendee who completes their activity. They have pledged a maximum donation of \$7,500.

Vitalograph, Inc. in Booth 1630

Vitalograph, Inc. will donate \$1 for each attendee who completes their respiratory quiz. They have pledged a maximum donation of \$100



ATS BEAR Cage

(Building Education to Advance Research)

Sunday, May 21, 2017

2pm – 4pm

Center for Career Development

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D, (Middle Building, Level 2)

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the 3rd Annual BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition encouraged early career investigators to submit an innovative clinical or translational research proposal for the opportunity to participate in the live event at ATS 2017. Join us to see the top three finalists competitively “pitch” their proposals to a panel of translational science experts representing academia, industry, and governmental sectors. Come support and cheer on the finalists as they compete for the \$5,000 grand prize! All are encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please contact DDDD@thoracic.org.

2017 BEAR Cage Finalists

Marcus Y. Chen, MD

National Heart, Lung, and
Blood Institute (NHLBI)

Chest CT at Chest X-ray Radiation Dose

Sanghyuk Shin, PhD

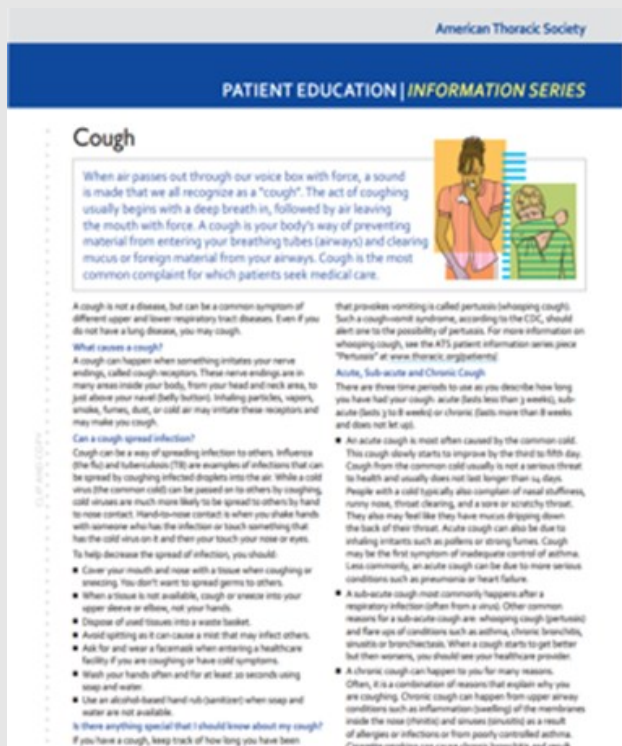
UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

Unmasking Resistance: Impact of Low-frequency Drug-Resistance on Molecular Diagnosis of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis

Prema R. Menon, MD, PhD

University of Vermont Medical Center

Communicating with Mechanically Ventilated Patients



Patient Education Materials Available at the 2017 International Conference

The ATS now maintains over 100 patient education handouts as part of its Patient Information Series. The Series includes a wide variety of pulmonary/critical care/sleep and public health topics including: Bronchoscopy, Pneumonia, Mechanical Ventilation, Oxygen Therapy, Asthma, COPD, PFTs, Sleep Testing, Lung Cancer, VCD, TB, Emergency/Disaster, and Palliative Care. All pieces are available in English and many available in other languages, such as Spanish and Portuguese.

In addition to the Patient Information Series, a new Lung Cancer Screening Decision Aid is now available for free on the ATS Website, with bulk copies available for purchase.

All are encouraged to use these free-access materials, which are published in the ARJCCM, posted on the ATS Website at www.thoracic.org/patients and can be provided upon request in alternative formats for EMR systems. Stop by the ATS Center in Washington, D.C. to view copies of these materials. Contact Judy Corn, ATS Staff, at jcorn@thoracic.org for additional information or to suggest new topics.

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2017 ATS International Conference in Washington, D.C.

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Statements, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Workshop Reports, or Technical Standards), please consider attending one or more of these opportunities while you are in Washington, D.C. at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 19th from 6-9 PM, Renaissance Washington Downtown, Meeting Room 8-9. This session is **required** for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new non-guideline projects. The session is **recommended** for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to John Harmon at jharmon@thoracic.org if you have not already done so. Note: CPG Chairs are required to provide a brief verbal update at this session.
 - ⇒ 6-7 PM – Presentations by DDIC members about the Official Document types, methodological requirements for each, and other practical issues (e.g., conflict of interest management, review, and approval); a light dinner will be served.
 - ⇒ 7-9 PM – Current Guideline Chairs (or their designees) will give progress reports and then troubleshoot informally with DDIC members and ATS staff. New Guideline Chairs will have the opportunity to listen to these reports and learn about the "trials and tribulations" of guideline development from experienced peers.
- Ad Hoc meetings: Whether you are developing or want to develop an official ATS document, you can schedule an appointment with Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist). To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozekj@mcmaster.ca.
- Documents Meeting Space: Meeting space will be available to document developers from Sunday-Wednesday; contact Kimberly Lawrence at klawrence@thoracic.org for additional details.
- Guideline Methodology Training Program Information Session: Monday, May 22nd from 7-8:30 PM, Renaissance Washington Downtown, Meeting Rooms 12-13-14. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this new training program is welcome to attend. A brief description of the program will be provided, followed by time for questions and answers. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to kwilson@thoracic.org is required. Space is limited.
- Meet the Professors: A Meet the Professors Session entitled "Official ATS Documents: How to Get Involved" is being hosted by Dr. Raed Dweik (Chair of the Documents Development and Implementation Committee) and Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) on Tuesday, May 23rd from 12:15 until 1:15 pm. Registration is available through the Conference Registration Website.

ATS Assembly Members Give Generously to the ATS Foundation

Thank you for participating in the [2016 ATS Assembly Challenge](#)!

The annual challenge taps into the grassroots community — and competitive spirit — of the ATS assemblies in support of the ATS Foundation. This was the closest Challenge yet!



Eileen G. Collins, PhD, chair for the Assembly on Nursing, receives Nursing's Assembly Challenge award from Dean Schraufnagel, MD, ATS Foundation Chair



Irina Petrache, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, receives RCMB's Assembly Challenge award from Dean Schraufnagel, MD, ATS Foundation Chair

The results are: the Assembly on **Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology** raised the most dollars with \$94,718; **Nursing** had the highest member participation with 20.49 percent; **Allergy Immunology & Inflammation** had the highest number of first-time givers in December with seven new donors.

Many members made gifts supporting the [Research Program](#) and other core programs in the final days of 2016. There was tremendous energy around the Challenge this year, with assembly chairs crafting special messages to their members. Most chairs sent two or more personal emails to their members during the Challenge.

Congratulations to the Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, Nursing, and Allergy Immunology & Inflammation assemblies! They will receive special recognition in ATS communications, at ATS 2017, and within their own assemblies.

The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their outreach and generosity during the Challenge. You provided a big boost to Foundation year-end giving campaigns—and a boost to our upcoming grant-making capacity for talented investigators. Thank you for your enthusiastic support!

Truly, your energy, creativity, and participation were outstanding. Thank you for everything you do for the ATS, the Foundation, young investigators, patients, and respiratory health worldwide.

To learn more about the ATS Foundation or to make a gift, visit foundation.thoracic.org.



Mitchell A. Olman, MD, chair for the Assembly on Allergy Immunology & Inflammation, receives All's Assembly Challenge award from Dean Schraufnagel, MD, ATS Foundation Chair