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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly Members,

I hope this message finds you all well and making preparations to attend the International Conference in May, this year located in my home of San Francisco, California! The Critical Care Assembly Program Committee has put together a phenomenal lineup of exciting programming ranging from high-profile symposia to interactive poster sessions, all covering the latest developments in critical care research and clinical practice and everything in between.

While you are in San Francisco, I urge you to attend our Assembly's annual membership meeting, which will be held on Monday, May 16 from 5-7 pm at the San Francisco Marriot Marquis – Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 8 (Lower B2 Level). This meeting provides an update on assembly and ATS-wide activities, including opportunities to get involved in the ATS, as well as refreshments and a chance to socialize with old friends or meet up with new colleagues. Afterwards, please join us for a wine and cheese reception where you can continue the conversations you started at the membership meeting and enjoy a more informal venue for networking and catching up.

I also want to encourage all our members to take advantage of the many different ways to become active in the ATS, many of which fit under the umbrella of our assembly. These opportunities include:

- Submitting session proposals for the 2017 International Conference in Washington, DC. If you do not see your topic of interest listed in the program this year, consider proposing it yourself for next year! The deadline for these submissions is usually in late June.
- Submitting proposals for an assembly-sponsored project. These projects may be clinical practice guidelines, policy statements, research statements, or workshop reports that would be of benefit to our assembly. The CC Assembly Planning Committee can advise you on these submissions, which are usually due in August.
- Getting involved in a working group. Working groups are smaller committees within the assembly that have a specific focus. Our current working groups include an Early Career Professionals Working Group, Women in Critical Care, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, Aging and Geriatrics, and ICU Directors, with a Global Health working group coming soon.



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## Message from Assembly Chair (Continued)

My primary priority as Assembly Chair is insuring that everyone feels welcomed and has the opportunity to be involved in our Assembly. Please do not hesitate to contact me ([carolyn.calfee@ucsf.edu](mailto:carolyn.calfee@ucsf.edu)) or any of the committee or working group chairs (listed below in the newsletter) with your ideas, questions or concerns relevant to the Assembly. I look forward to hearing from you, and I look forward to seeing you here in San Francisco!

Best regards,

Carolyn S. Calfee, MD MAS

## Update from Planning Committee

Nuala Meyer, MD; Chair, Critical Care Assembly Planning Committee

The Critical Care Assembly Planning Committee reviewed nine new and five renewal assembly-related proposals this year, spanning multiple aspects of critical care. One new CCA project was approved for funding by ATS:

An Official ATS Workshop Report: Determining the Outcome Measures for Assessment after Critical Illness.

In addition, several CCA projects were renewed for funding:

- Mechanical Ventilation in Adults with ARDS: a Clinical Practice Guideline
- Official ATS/ACCP Clinical Practice Guidelines: Liberation from Mechanical Ventilation
- Official ATS Research Statement: Implementation Science in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine
- Organizational Factors associated with ICU outcomes: a Systematic Review
- An Official ATS/NHLBI Workshop Report: Respiratory Health Disparities (secondary assembly)
- ATS/NIH CounterACT Workshop on Chemical Inhalational Disasters: Biology of Lung Injury, Development of Novel Therapeutics, and ICU and Public Health Preparedness

Two critical care assembly-related projects were also published in 2015:

- An ATS Policy Statement: Managing conscientious objections in the ICU [*Am J Respir Crit Care Med*;191(2):219-227 Jan 15 2015]
- An Official ATS/AACN. ACCP/ESICM/SCCM Statement: Responding to request for potentially inappropriate therapies in the ICU [*Am J Respir Crit Care Med*;191(11):1318-30 June 1 2015]

The assembly continues to seek input from the membership on clinical practice guidelines, policy statements, research statements, or workshop reports that would be of benefit to our assembly. If you have a question about whether your proposal is better directed to the Planning or Program Committees, please reach out to either Nuala Meyer or Renee Stapleton, the respective committee chairs. The deadline for new project proposals will be in August. Consider planning a project proposal now and solicit feedback from the Planning Committee and your colleagues at the International Conference meeting in San Francisco. Proposals that involve more than one assembly and that fill a clinical need are often reviewed favorably.

Nuala Meyer, MD; Chair, Critical Care Assembly Planning Committee ([Nuala.Meyer@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:Nuala.Meyer@uphs.upenn.edu))

# Update from Program Committee

Ivor Douglas, MD, Chair & Renee Stapleton, MD PhD, Chair-Elect CC Program Committee

Dear Assembly Members,

The lineup of Critical Care sessions at ATS 2016 in San Francisco is outstanding! The Assembly has programmed eight major symposia in addition to the annual NEJM/JAMA critical care highlights. The symposia cover a spectrum of cutting edge and innovative topics including Clinical effectiveness, Sepsis-associated organ failure, Evidence and empiricism, ICU recovery. A particular highlight relevant to our proximity to Silicon Valley will focus on high-tech innovations for Critical Care research and practice.

In addition to fantastic educational opportunities throughout the Conference, we have programmed several exceptional sessions on Wednesday 5/18 that are well worth staying for through the end of the conference. Please keep this in mind when making your reservations. The Wednesday sessions are:

## Major Symposia

CRITICAL CARE MEETS SILICON VALLEY: TECH SOLUTIONS FOR RESEARCH AND PRACTICE (D4)

9-11am

ARDS AND INFLAMMATORY INJURY (D11)

9-11am

STAY AWAY FROM THE ICU: IS PREVENTING ICU ADMISSION GOOD FOR PATIENTS? (D84)

1:30-3:30pm

CONTROVERSIES AND ADVANCES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF VENTILATOR ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA (D86)

1:30-3:30pm

## Mini-Symposia

REDUCING VARIATION IN USUAL CARE (D16)

9-11am

RESPIRATORY FAILURE: ADVANCED MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS INFORMING TRANSLATION IN ACUTE LUNG INJURY/ARDS (D93)

1:30-3:30pm

## Poster Discussion Sessions

IMPROVING PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE IN THE ICU (D103)

1:30-3:30pm

PRE-ICU, RAPID RESPONSE AND INITIAL TREATMENT FOR SEPSIS (D104)

1:30-3:30pm

RESPIRATORY FAILURE : ROLE OF THE DIAPHRAGM AND SKELETAL MUSCLES (D105)

1:30-3:30pm

## Thematic Poster Sessions

DIAGNOSING AND TREATING BACTERIAL AND VIRAL INFECTIONS IN THE ICU (D40)

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND HEMODYNAMICS: CASE REPORTS I (D41)

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND HEMODYNAMICS: CASE REPORTS II (D42)

INFECTIONS LEADING TO CRITICAL ILLNESS: CASE REPORTS (D43)

RESPIRATORY FAILURE: EXTRACORPOREAL LIFE SUPPORT (D44)

CIRCULATORY HEMODYNAMICS, SHOCK, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND FLUID MANAGEMENT (D45)

We look forward to your participation in ATS 2016 that promises to be a valuable and high impact experience for Critical Care assembly members.

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# ATS 2016 - San Francisco

## Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Critical Care

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Postgraduate Courses</b>			
<b>Friday, May 13, 2016</b>			
PG2A	CRITICAL CARE ULTRASOUND AND ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY: PART I	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG7	PEDIATRIC ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME: AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Saturday, May 14, 2016</b>			
PG2B	CRITICAL CARE ULTRASOUND AND ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY: PART II	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG20	PHYSIOLOGY OF MECHANICAL VENTILATION IN ARDS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A4	NEW ERA OF EVIDENCE GENERATION: MEASURING EFFECTIVENESS IN CRITICAL CARE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
B4	MECHANISMS OF ORGAN FAILURE IN SEPSIS	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
B84	AT THE EDGE OF THE EVIDENCE: MAKING DECISIONS IN THE REAL WORLD	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
C4	SEPSIS CARE FROM START TO FINISH	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
C5	THE BRAIN AFTER CRITICAL ILLNESS: POPULATIONS, PATIENTS, AND PATHWAYS	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
C84	THE NEW ICU RECOVERY TOOLKIT: 5 HAMMERS LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT NAIL	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D4	CRITICAL CARE MEETS SILICON VALLEY: TECH SOLUTIONS FOR RESEARCH AND PRACTICE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
D84	STAY AWAY FROM THE ICU: IS PREVENTING ICU ADMISSION GOOD FOR PATIENTS?	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Jointly-Developed Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A91	HOT TOPICS IN DISPARITIES IN PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE AND SLEEP MEDICINE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
C91	OPTIMIZING ICU ROUNDS: EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING PATIENT CARE AND TEACHING	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D11	ARDS AND INFLAMMATORY INJURY	9:00 AM	11:00 AM

<b>Sunrise Seminars</b>			
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
SS112	CREATING A BIOCONTAINMENT UNIT: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
SS210	REBOOTING CODE STATUS: GUIDING PATIENTS AND FAMILIES THROUGH LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
SS310	RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES IN SEPSIS	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
<b>Meet The Professor Seminars</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
MP409	NEUROLOGIC DISASTERS IN THE ICU	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
MP509	HOW I DO IT: STRATEGIES OF SUCCESSFUL WOMEN IN CRITICAL CARE	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
MP608	LIFE AFTER DEATH: ENHANCING TRANSPLANTATION VIA OPTIMAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGAN DONOR	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Mini-Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A95	CRITICAL CARE: RECOVERY OF PHYSICAL FUNCTION AFTER CRITICAL ILLNESS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
B95	CRITICAL CARE: NEW CLINICAL TRIALS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D16	CRITICAL CARE: REDUCING VARIATION IN USUAL CARE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
D93	RESPIRATORY FAILURE: ADVANCED MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS INFORMING TRANSLATION IN ACUTE LUNG INJURY/ARDS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Poster Discussion Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A25	CRITICAL CARE: FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES IN ICU SURVIVORS	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
A104	CRITICAL CARE: SEPSIS TRANSLATIONAL INSIGHTS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
A105	CRITICAL CARE : VARIABILITY IN CARE, OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADOPTION OR DEADOPTION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
B104	RESPIRATORY FAILURE: LUNG REGIONAL AND TRANSLATIONAL MECHANISMS IN ARDS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
C24	CRITICAL CARE: CAN ICU DESIGN IMPROVE ICU CARE?	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
C105	RESPIRATORY FAILURE: MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS FROM LUNG INJURY MODELS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM

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<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D103	CRITICAL CARE: IMPROVING PALLIATIVE AND END OF LIFE CARE IN THE ICU	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
D104	CRITICAL CARE: PRE-ICU, RAPID RESPONSE, AND INITIAL TREATMENT FOR SEPSIS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
D105	RESPIRATORY FAILURE : ROLE OF THE DIAPHRAGM AND SKELETAL MUSCLES	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Thematic Poster Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A52	CRITICAL CARE: ICU PROCEDURES, PROCESSES OF CARE, AND NOVEL TECHNIQUES	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A53	RESPIRATORY FAILURE: RISK FACTORS AND OUTCOMES IN ARDS	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A54	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: ACUTE HYPOXEMIC RESPIRATORY FAILURE/ARDS	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A55	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: NEURO CRITICAL CARE AND TOXICOLOGY	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A56	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A57	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: NON-PULMONARY CRITICAL CARE	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
B46	CRITICAL CARE: ICU EPIDEMIOLOGY AND OUTCOMES	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
B47	CRITICAL CARE: CLINICAL RESEARCH DISCOVERIES, EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR SEPSIS	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
C49	RESPIRATORY FAILURE: CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL ASPECTS OF VILI AND LUNG PROTECTIVE MV	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C50	CRITICAL CARE: DELIRIUM AND SEDATION IN THE ICU	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C51	RESPIRATORY FAILURE: HIGH FLOW OXYGEN, LIBERATION, NON-INVASIVE, AND PROLONGED VENTILATION	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C52	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: RESPIRATORY FAILURE/MECHANICAL VENTILATION	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C53	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: MULTISYSTEM ORGAN FAILURE	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C54	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: SEPSIS	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D40	CRITICAL CARE: DIAGNOSING AND TREATING BACTERIAL AND VIRAL INFECTIONS IN THE ICU	9:00 AM	3:30 PM
D41	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND HEMODYNAMICS I	9:00 AM	3:30 PM
D42	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND HEMODYNAMICS II	9:00 AM	3:30 PM
D43	CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORTS: INFECTIONS LEADING TO CRITICAL ILLNESS	9:00 AM	3:30 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
D44	RESPIRATORY FAILURE: EXTRACORPOREAL LIFE SUPPORT	9:00 AM	3:30 PM
D45	CRITICAL CARE: CIRCULATORY HEMODYNAMICS, SHOCK, CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, AND FLUID MANAGEMENT	9:00 AM	3:30 PM

## Update from Web Director

Jason Poston, MD, Web Director, Critical Care Assembly

We have completed the redesign of the ATS Website and the Critical Care Assembly site (<http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/cc/>). The redesign, along with ongoing refinement, has allowed steady progress in creating a site that allows efficient navigation through the two main tasks of visitors to the site: attending to Critical Care Assembly business and finding clinical critical care educational resources. The latter set of clinical educational resources, generated largely by Assembly members, are also now increasingly accessible through various links outside the Assembly page for ATS web visitors who are navigating with a more general clinical (rather than Assembly) framework. This is consistent with broader ATS initiatives to make our outstanding resources more accessible and increase web traffic and society visibility.

Jason Poston, MD; Web Director, Critical Care Assembly ([Jason.Poston@uchospitals.edu](mailto:Jason.Poston@uchospitals.edu))

## Update from The Women in Critical Care (WICC) Working Group

Ellen Burnham, MD, Chair, The Women in Critical Care WG

The Women in Critical Care (WICC) working group was created in December 2014. Accomplishments over the past year:

- A survey was distributed to women in the critical care assembly to identify specific issues important to its members, and whether or not ATS was meeting those needs. 118 respondents completed the survey. Important items or concepts identified by members included: negotiating skills related to salary changes, promotion, or a new position; mentoring of an academic research career; career advancement and promotion in an academic setting.
- Working group met in-person at ATS 2015 to discuss survey results and goals/objectives. Programming submitted for ATS\*2016, MTP course: "How I do it: strategies of successful women in critical care" accepted for presentation.
- Committee members plan to be well-represented at CC assembly reception (new offering at ATS) on Monday evening for informal networking opportunities. Plans to wear identification (budget and taste permitting) to engage women members of critical care assembly. Will also review and compile list of programming at ATS\*2016 that will be of interest to WICC group and other CC assembly members.

Ellen Burnham, MD ([ellen.burnham@ucdenver.edu](mailto:ellen.burnham@ucdenver.edu)); Chair, Women in Critical Care WG

## Update from The Aging and Geriatrics Working Group

Nathan Brummel, MD & Lauren Ferrante, MD, Co-Chairs, Aging and Geriatrics WG

The Aging and Geriatrics Working Group of the Critical Care Assembly, co-chaired by Nathan Brummel and Lauren Ferrante, was established this year to create a collaborative, interdisciplinary group of critical care experts with a multipronged focus on improving the health of older adults with critical illness. The overarching aims of the group are to: 1) Identify and develop patient-centered, geriatric and critical care medicine research priorities across the spectrum of critical illness and recovery, 2) To increase awareness of important clinical care issues faced by older adults with a critical illness, and 3) To enhance the integration of principles of geriatrics and gerontology into critical care medicine training and professional development. Goals for the Aging and Geriatrics Working Group in 2016 are to:

- A. Hold the first working group meeting at ATS 2016
- B. Begin the process of research priority topic generation
- C. Enhance the profile of aging research at the International Conference via the development of assembly proposals

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# Update from The Early Career Professionals Working Group

Hayley Gershengorn, MD; Chair, ECPWG

The Early Career Professionals Working Group of the Critical Care Assembly, chaired this year by Hayley Gershengorn, promotes and encourages the recruitment, engagement, and active involvement of junior faculty as well as members in transition and training within the Critical Care Assembly. This includes aid in the identification of these members, highlighting Early Career members with substantial accomplishments relative to the CC Assembly/ATS mission, and assistance in the placement of junior faculty in the ATS International Conference program and within our Assembly committees. Several approaches are currently underway to facilitate these processes:

Our robust **mentorship program** led by Lisa Vande Vusse. This program is in its third year. In 2015 we had 51 mentee-mentor matches—up from 33 pairs in 2014. Each year we have incorporated feedback from past mentees/mentors to improve pairings and, we hope, satisfaction with mentorship matches. Without the enthusiastic involvement of the more senior members of our Assembly, this program could not be the success it has been. We thank you so very much for your support.

Our **early career professionals database** program led by Vincent Liu and Santhi Kumar. This project is a resurrection of sorts of a database used by the working group in years past. We have collated information about the interests, experiences, and wishes pertaining to ATS involvement of >90 self-identified junior members of our assembly. Using this data, the Program Committee chairs have already provided all interested junior people with a role in the upcoming May 2016 conference program! Additional avenues for the use of this data are actively being explored.

Our **social media presence on Twitter** led by Hallie Prescott, Daniel Fein, and Christopher Erb. Just launched a few months ago, we have been tweeting about new articles by and of value to junior critical care professionals as well as about other topics of interest to them. We are proud to count senior critical care academicians amongst our followers. Please follow us at @ATSCCECPWG—whether you're junior or more advanced in your career, we know you'll enjoy the rapid-fire and up-to-date information our team of tweeters pass along.

Our **committee apprenticeship program**. With the support of senior Assembly leadership, we have rolled out a new program this year in which one senior fellow/junior faculty member is placed on both the Program and Planning Committees. In this role, the early career professional observes committee activities and participates in a non-voting capacity. Paired with a more senior mentor with committee experience, we hope this will demystify the process and encourage involvement of junior members in Assembly business activities. We sincerely thank Terri Hough and Michelle Gong for their gracious participation as mentors to our first two apprentice committee members, Thomas Valley and Anuj Mehta.

We hope to remain a group to which early career professionals within the Assembly can turn for advice on how to navigate the Assembly and the ATS. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support from Dr. Calfee and all other Assembly leadership.

Hayley Gershengorn, MD; Chair, ECPWG (hgershen@montefiore.org)

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# Update from The Pediatric Critical Care Medicine (PCCM) Working Group

Adrienne G. Randolph, MD, MSci & Ira M. Cheifetz, MD, Co- Chair, PCCM Working Group

The Pediatric Critical Care Medicine (PCCM) Working Group of the Critical Care Assembly, co-chaired this year by Adrienne Randolph and Ira Cheifetz, promotes the active involvement of clinicians and researchers who focus on issues related to the pathophysiology, epidemiology, and clinical management of critically ill children and the delivery of pediatric critical care services. Our goal is to identify and invite potential members, highlight the accomplishments of experts in the field of PCCM, and promote the participation of PCCM in the agenda of the ATS meetings and other activities. Benchmarks for 2016-2017 include:

- Develop an ATS supported consensus statement on indications for ECMO in critically ill children and young adults.
- Work with the ATS CC Assembly to increase the PCCM critical care content for the 2017 ATS meeting.
- Maintain an active list / director of ATS members and conference attendees with PCCM interests.
- Create mentoring and social networking opportunities to facilitate career advancement and collaboration of ATS PCCM members.

If you have an interest in PCCM and would like to join the working group, please contact Adrienne G. Randolph, MD, MSci ([adrienne.randolph@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:adrienne.randolph@childrens.harvard.edu)) or Ira M. Cheifetz, MD ([ira.cheifetz@duke.edu](mailto:ira.cheifetz@duke.edu)).

## *Assembly on Critical Care Membership Meeting*

*Monday, May 16th*

*5:00-7:00 PM*

*San Francisco Marriott Marquis*

*Yerba Buena Ballroom 8*

*Lower B2 Level*

## *Assembly on Critical Care Reception*

*Monday, May 16th*

*7:00pm-8:30pm*

*San Francisco Marriott Marquis*

*Yerba Buena Ballroom 6*

*Lower B2 Level*

## ***ANNOUNCING ATS FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARDEES***

The ATS Foundation is pleased to announce the grant and award recipients for the 2015-2016 grant cycle. The support of our members, donors, and partners helps make these awards possible—thank you! These grants and awards support research encompassing pulmonary, critical care, and sleep illnesses. In addition, they provide crucial support for early stage investigators from around the world. To see the awardees please click here.

(<http://foundation.thoracic.org/what-we-do/2015-research-awardees.php>)

Deadline for Letters of Intent to be submitted: **June 20th, 2016**



## Meet Your Mentor HERE!

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco, the Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentees to meet.

The Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot will be located in the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel in the Willow room on the B2 Level of the Hotel. The room will be available:

Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Light snacks and beverages will be offered throughout the day. Also in the room there will be laptops and printers available for use. You can also pick up your Assembly Mentoring Program ribbon and pin!

### **We hope you can join us at the Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot!**

Interested in joining a mentoring program? Visit the Assemblies homepage and click on [ATS Mentoring Program](#) to learn more or contact Breana Portelli at [bportelli@thoracic.org](mailto:bportelli@thoracic.org)

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# First Annual ATS Walking Challenge

*Think you walk a lot at an ATS conference?  
Let's see how you compare to other attendees.*

## Step up to the First Annual ATS Walking Challenge.

Every step helps raise money for the ATS Foundation. Walk around the Exhibit Hall, meet new people, move from session to session and engage in friendly competition against other attendees with the ATS Walking Challenge. The top 3 overall steppers win a prize. Watch it all unfold in real-time on leaderboards in the Teva Respiratory booth #419 or at the ATS Walking Challenge booth.

The first 2,000 registrants receive a free ATS wireless activity tracker to use with the ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App (distributed on a 'first-come, first-served' basis). The ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App also supports attendees that prefer to use their own FitBit, Jawbone or iPhone/Android smart phone step counters.

The three individuals who log the most steps will win prizes!

- **Grand Prize** – Microsoft Surface Pro 3
- **2nd prize** – Fitbit Surge
- **3rd prize** – Zolt Laptop Charger Plus

**Visit the Teva Respiratory booth #419 each day for a step booster.**

Use the Walking Challenge mobile app to scan the QR code booster each day to earn your bonus steps. The more you visit, the more you receive:

First Day Visit - 500 steps  
Second Day Visit - 750 steps  
Third Day Visit - 1,000 steps

**Walk for a good cause!** For every participant who walks 30,000 steps, Teva Respiratory will make a donation of \$100 to the ATS Foundation, for a total maximum donation of \$50,000. Remember - 100% of all donations to the ATS Foundation fund new research awards. Learn more at [Foundation.Thoracic.org](http://Foundation.Thoracic.org).

Learn more and pre-register online at [cloud.hekahealth.com/ats2016](http://cloud.hekahealth.com/ats2016) or stop by the Walking Challenge Booth in the South building lobby of the Moscone Center, beginning 5/13/16.

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### ATS Assembly Members Give Generously to the ATS Foundation

Thank you for participating in the [2015 ATS Assembly Challenge](#) in support of the [ATS Foundation Research Program](#)!

The Research Program has been outstandingly successful in launching careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care. Member gifts also support core ATS mission-related programs including MECOR, Medical Education Research, the Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award, and Assembly Awards and Scholarships.



**Naftali Kaminski, MD**, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, receives RCMB's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge awards from James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair

Gifts both large and small were received—and much appreciated—throughout the Assembly Challenge. **Thank you!**

Many assembly chairs sent personal messages to their members to encourage giving to the Foundation during the challenge. That outreach provided a big boost to Foundation year-end giving campaigns—and a boost to our upcoming grant-making capacity for young investigators.

**Naftali Kaminski, MD**, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, hopes the challenge will continue to “ignite a healthy competition among the assemblies, and that next year we will see a dramatic rise in donations and new donors from all assemblies. This will have a great impact on the availability of research funds, and on pulmonary research and medicine.”



**DorAnne M. Donesky, PhD, ANP-BC**, chair for the Assembly on Nursing, receives Nursing's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge award from Atul Malhotra, MD, ATS President (left) and James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair (right)

The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their outreach efforts and generosity during the 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge.

- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** raised the most dollars with \$95,741
- **Nursing** had the highest member participation with 17.46%
- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** had the highest number of first-time givers in December with 37 new donors

Congratulations to the Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology and Nursing assemblies! They will receive special recognition in ATS communications, at ATS 2016, and within their own assemblies.

Thank you for everything that you do for the ATS Foundation, young investigators and clinicians, patients, and respiratory health worldwide.

To learn more about the ATS Foundation or to make a gift, visit [foundation.thoracic.org](http://foundation.thoracic.org).

## 2nd Annual BEAR Cage



### Attend the BEAR Cage

(Building Education to Advance Research)

Sunday, May 15, 2016 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Moscone Center, Room 105 (South Building, Lower Level)

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the 2nd Annual BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition was open to all ATS members who are early career investigators.

Applicants were asked to submit an innovative clinical or translational research proposal for consideration and the opportunity to participate in the live BEAR Cage at ATS 2016. You are invited to join us to see the selected top three finalists competitively “pitch” their highly innovative research proposals to a panel of translational science experts representing academia, industry, and governmental sectors in front of a live audience. The panel, with audience participation, will vet the proposals with each presenter and ultimately award a grand prize winner a \$5,000 prize as well as two runner-up proposals, each receiving \$2,500. The goal of this unique event is to promote productive discussion of these innovative research ideas in the setting of a fun, yet competitive, forum promoting opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and improvement of the research proposal. To build on this concept, a DDDD committee-sponsored “project advisory team” will provide feedback and distance mentorship to the awardees over the ensuing year.

### Did you know that as an ATS member you:

- [Receive a discount of 20% \(average\) on education products at the ATS Store?](#)
- [Benefit from FREE ABIM and ABP MOC self-assessment products?](#)
- [Have access to NEW member benefits that include:](#)

Significant discounts on Springer respiratory books (print copies), and FREE online access to this book series,

Copies of our new ATS pocket guidelines.

Save \$1,200 – or more – per year on ATS products and services over nonmember rates.

See why [members love the ATS!](#) Link: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/membership/>

\*Trainee members receive 30% and Affiliate members 10%

### Assembly Members: Help Us to Help You!

Have you:  
moved,  
changed your title,  
added a new specialty, credential or other information?

Or perhaps we just do not have a complete profile for you!

Please take a minute to update your contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile today. And now you can also upload your PHOTO to your member profile! Log in [HERE](#).

[ link is: <https://www.thoracic.org/login/ats-member-login.php> ]

By keeping your profile current, you help us provide programs and services that are most targeted to you.

## Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2017!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2016. 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](http://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 Nuala Meyer, MD, MS at [nuala.meyer@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:nuala.meyer@uphs.upenn.edu).

For questions regarding submission please contact Miriam Rodriguez at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: [mrodriguez@thoracic.org](mailto:mrodriguez@thoracic.org).

### Patient Education Materials Available at the 2016 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 topics including: Bronchoscopy, Pneumonia, Mechanical Ventilation, Oxygen Therapy, Asthma, COPD, PFTs, Sleep Testing, Lung Cancer, COPD, VCD, and Palliative Care.

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](http://www.thoracic.org/patients) and can be provided upon request in alternative formats for EMR systems. Stop by the ATS Center in San Francisco to view copies of these materials. Contact Judy Corn, ATS Staff, at [jcorn@thoracic.org](mailto:jcorn@thoracic.org) for additional information.

### Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco

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 free opportunities while you are in San Francisco at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 13th from 6-9 PM, San Francisco Marriott Marquis.  
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](mailto:jharmon@thoracic.org) if you have not already done so.
- 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: If your project committee is having a meeting in San Francisco, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment for Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist) to stop by your committee meeting. To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at [kwilson@thoracic.org](mailto:kwilson@thoracic.org) or Jan Brozek at [brozekj@mcmaster.ca](mailto:brozekj@mcmaster.ca).
- Office Hours and Documents Meeting Space: Stop by our 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Office Hours" to meet and talk with Drs. Kevin Wilson and Jan Brozek about document-related matters. Contact Kevin Wilson at [kwilson@thoracic.org](mailto:kwilson@thoracic.org) or cell 617/771-6589 to secure an appointment. The Documents meeting space will also be available to document developers when office hours are not in session from Sunday-Wednesday; contact Kimberly Lawrence at [klawrence@thoracic.org](mailto:klawrence@thoracic.org) for additional details.