Message From the CP Assembly Chairman
Fernando J. Martinez, MD, MS

The Clinical Problems Assembly continues to be a focus for clinicians and researchers to advocate the causes of providing clinical care to patients with respiratory diseases, researchers involved in patient oriented research and those serving as clinical links to translational research. In these fronts members of the CP assembly have joined forces with individuals from other assemblies to actively participate in numerous projects with partial or complete ATS support. The ‘Non-specific Interstitial Pneumonitis: A Case-based workshop to define diagnostic criteria and clinical features’ project led by Drs. William Travis, Talmadge King and Gary Hunninghake has generated a sentinel document that has been recently accepted for publication to the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine. The ATS/ERS Task force entitled ‘Outcomes for COPD Pharmacological Trials: From Lung Function to Biomarkers’ generated a comprehensive document providing detailed guidance to investigators in COPD which has recently been published in the European Respiratory Journal with ATS endorsement. The ATS/ERS Smoking Related Interstitial Lung Disease Workgroup has utilized a novel investigative approach with validation and derivation phases to complete an important study. A manuscript is undergoing internal review by the committee. The ATS/ERS/JRS/KATRD task force on ‘Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: An update of the International Consensus Statement on the Diagnosis and Treatment’ under the direction of Drs. Ganesh Raghu, James Egan, and Fernando J. Martinez has evolved considerably over the past year, with an adoption of an evidence based approach to the review and synthesis of the available data. Dr. Holger Scheunemman, the ATS Documents Editor and Chair of the Documents Development & Implementation Committee, has provided invaluable assistance in assuring the appropriate use of state of the art GRADE methodology. Three new projects have been recently approved and a fourth refunded. Dr. Keith Meyers has proposed an ambitious project titled ‘Management of the Lung Transplant Recipient: A Comprehensive, Evidence Based Guideline.’ Dr. William Travis has embarked on an important project titled ‘International Multidisciplinary Consensus Sub classification of Adenocarcinoma’ with partial ATS support. A fourth project, the IPF Statement detailed above, was renewed. A draft of the Clinical Policy Statement titled: Guidelines for the Clinical use of Bronchoalveolar Lavage to Evaluate Interstitial Lung Disease has been completed and is currently going through the peer review process.

The CP Assembly Planning Committee under the direction of David Ost has proceeded with a number of continuing and new projects as noted in Dr. Ost’s commentary.

CP Assembly Planning Committee Report
David E. Ost, MD, Chair

For 2007-2008, the Clinical Problems Assembly Planning Committee has been working on four main issues. These include the ATS projects, administering and revising the Clinician Educator Award, interacting with other assemblies.
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blets regarding awards relevant to clinical problems, and systematizing our committee structure.

ATS Projects

For 2007, there were seven new projects proposed by the Clinical Problems Assembly membership. Four of these, with a total budget of $37,206, were approved. Three were detailed above. The fourth is ‘Career Talk: The Book’ which will be available on CD-Rom. All projects will be available for review on the website.

The CP Planning Committee reviewed the project application process. In order to meet the needs of the membership, an electronic survey will be sent to ATS members to identify what topics and problems would be most useful for future ATS projects. This survey tool will be updated yearly with new entries so that projects focus on the needs of members rather than being focused too narrowly. This will provide ATS members direct input into the structure and content of future projects.

Clinician Educator Award

We reviewed the Clinician Educator Award given out by the Clinical Problems Assembly and have tried to systematize the process to reduce year-to-year variation and to institutionalize the award more fully. This is now the 5th year the award has been given out. The process begins with soliciting nominations from the general membership. The criteria for scoring will be posted on the website as part of the award description for transparency. Nominees may come from any assembly in the ATS, not just clinical problems. An awards subcommittee is formed to evaluate and score the nominees. The subcommittee consists of physicians recently out of fellowship (5-years) and intermediate level faculty. The subcommittee will be chaired by a former clinician educator award winner. The scoring of nominees will be done by the subcommittee and will use criteria previously established. The planning committee will present this to the clinical problems chair for approval and the award will be given out at the ATS meeting.

Other Awards

The planning committee, on behalf of the Clinical Programs Assembly, worked with the regional chapters on a proposal to have a new award ATS Outstanding Clinician Educator Award developed. The criteria for the award will be presented to ATS Executive Committee this year and the award, if approved, would become active the following year. The award would be given out at the ATS general meeting rather than in the meeting of the clinical problems assembly.

Planning Committee Structure

We reviewed the by-laws and are adjusting the structure of the planning committee to more closely match the needs and goals of the ATS. Specifically, the planning committee is supposed to have anywhere from 10-15 members, with approximately 25% international membership representation. Approximately 1/3rd of the committee members should be rotating off yearly.

In the past the needs of the ATS were different and as a result the committee structure had grown a bit large. Using the 1/3rd rotation guideline, we setup a spreadsheet listing the committee membership for each year for the past 5 years. As committee members go from their 1st to 3rd years and "age", new members will be rotated on as the oldest go off. The goal will be to come into compliance with the 10-15 members target. Since 1/3rd rotate off, the average duration will be about 3 years on the committee. This will help to keep new people and new ideas moving into the ATS.

We will need to balance the competing need to bring in new people with new ideas with the need to maintain continuity and institutional memory. For example, since some committee members cannot serve more than 1 year because of other time constraints a few members may need to serve longer. Similarly, members most knowledgeable about the development and administration of the awards process and the ATS projects may need to serve an extra year. Overall, we will try to make sure these exceptions make up no more than 20% of the total committee size.

Please consider submitting an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2009!

This year for the first time there will be an Online Application Process using an electronic grants submission process called proposalCENTRAL. All interested applicants must submit their Assembly/Committee Project Applications online through proposalCENTRAL. To avoid being rushed at deadline time, applicants are encouraged to register and complete a professional profile at proposalCENTRAL as early as possible. There will be a link to proposalCENTRAL on the ATS homepage at

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www.thoracic.org along with new comprehensive instructions that have been designed to correspond with the numbered fields within the online application. Please consider submitting an online 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 at David E. Ost, MD at david.ost@med.nyu.edu.

Please contact Miriam Rodriguez with any questions at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

CP Assembly Website Report
Victor Kim, MD, Web Director

The Website, under the direction of Dr. Victor Kim, has achieved important milestones. To make the CP Assembly Website a more attractive resource to those involved in clinical education or patient care, the CP Assembly Website has been updated with new links to the following:

1. The ATS Reading List, which provides crucial literature for pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine fellows;
2. The ATS Patient Education Site, which provides numerous downloadable brochures on a variety of topics, including disease states such as COPD and sarcoidosis and outpatient procedures like bronchoscopy and thoracentesis;
3. A compilation of the State of the Art series in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, to provide a central location where physicians can access the latest updates on clinical medicine and translational research.

We have worked hard to maintain a high standard for the ATS Clinical Cases, a monthly clinical case in an interactive format, designed to provide education to practitioners, faculty, fellows, residents, and medical students in the areas of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Finally, we are working in conjunction with Tom Stibolt, MD to develop a Palm OS based application for the BODE index.

CP Assembly Program Committee Report
Gerard J. Criner, MD, Chair

The CP Assembly Program Committee has continued to be very active in ensuring the optimal educational activities for participants in the ATS Annual Program. This year will be quite successful with almost 1000 abstracts submitted to the CP Assembly alone. At the programming meeting CP programmed 144 sessions total, including 7 postgraduate courses, 25 sunrise seminars, 26 meet the professor programs, 8 minisymposia, 10 poster discussion sessions, 34 thematic poster sessions and 14 clinical topics symposia.

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Postgraduate Courses

Friday, May 16, 2008

PG3 DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: WHAT 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
THE CLINICIAN NEEDS TO KNOW

PG4 INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY WITH PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
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Postgraduate Courses cont’d

Friday, May 16, 2008

PG5  MANAGING CYSTIC FIBROSIS IN THE ERA OF GENOMIC MEDICINE  8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
PG6  CARDIOPULMONARY EXERCISE TESTING FOR THE PRACTICING CLINICIAN: PUTTING ADVANCES INTO PRACTICE  8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Saturday, May 17, 2008

PG17  COPD: EVOLVING CONCEPTS IN 2008  8:00 AM – 3:45 PM
PG18  PRACTICAL CHEST IMAGING FOR THE PULMONOLOGIST  8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
PG19  PLEURAL DISEASES: WHAT PRACTICING CLINICIANS NEED TO KNOW  8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Symposia

Sunday, May 18, 2008

A90  LUNG CANCER TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH: INTEGRATING INNOVATIONS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT  1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine

Sunday, May 18, 2008

A2  MEASURING OUTCOME IN COPD: HOW DO WE MOVE THE FIELD?  8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
A3  PULMONARY HYPERTENSION IN IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS  8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
A82  COPD EXACERBATIONS: EPIDEMIOLOGY, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT  1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

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B2  IPF: ISSUES IN MANAGEMENT FROM DIAGNOSIS TO TRANSPLANT  8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
B3  ONCE AND FUTURE PATHOGENS: A REASSESSMENT OF FUNGAL-ASSOCIATED LUNG DISEASE  8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
B82  MOLECULAR BIOMARKERS IN LUNG DISEASE: ARE THEY READY FOR PRIMETIME?  1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
B83  BRONCHOSCOPY CLINIC: WHAT IS READY FOR PRIMETIME AND WHAT IS NOT IN 2008  1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

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C2  CHANGING THE NATURAL HISTORY OF COPD: RESULTS OF MAJOR CLINICAL TRIALS  8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
C82  THE EVOLVING ROLE OF ANTI-INFLAMMATORY THERAPY IN LUNG DISEASE: A PRO-CON DEBATE BASED ON RECENT THERAPEUTIC TRIALS  1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
C83  INTERNATIONAL LUNG CANCER STAGING UPDATE 2007-2008: SIXTH REVISION OF THE IASLC (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF LUNG CANCER) LUNG CANCER STAGING PROJECT  1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
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D2 CONNECTIVE TISSUE-ASSOCIATED DIFFUSE PARENCHYMAL LUNG DISEASE: RECENT PROGRESS AND FUTURE CHALLENGES  
8:15 AM – 11:00 AM

D3 CONTROVERSIES IN PLEURAL DISEASES: PRO-CON DEBATE  
8:15 AM – 11:00 AM

D82 LIVING TO ADULTHOOD WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS: CURRENT CONCEPTS IN DISEASE MANAGEMENT  
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D83 BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS FOLLOWING LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: WHAT ARE ITS CAUSES AND WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?  
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Clinical Workshops

Sunday, May 18, 2008

WS1 ENDOBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND  
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

WS2 TOOLS FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE  
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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WS3 MASTER CLINICIANS: PLEURAL DISEASES  
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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WS5 THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY DIAGNOSIS OF DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASE: CASE STUDIES  
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

WS6 CLINICAL MANAGEMENT DILEMMAS IN SARCOIDOSIS  
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

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WS7 REAL-TIME IMAGE-GUIDED BRONCHOSCOPIC NAVIGATION TO THE PERIPHERAL LUNG LESION: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC CONSIDERATIONS  
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

WS8 BRONCHIECTASIS AND NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIUM: CASE BASED WORKSHOP  
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Evening Postgraduate Seminars

Monday, May 19, 2008

E4 COPD: WHAT IS DISEASE MODIFICATION? ARE WE THERE YET?  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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E8 PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF COPD AND THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION  
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Meet the Professor Seminars

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MP404 NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL LUNG DISEASE: WHAT DO THE ATS GUIDELINES SAY TO CLINICIANS?  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

MP405 MEDIASTINAL TUMORS  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

MP406 MANAGEMENT OF AIRWAY AND PLEURAL SPACE Complications AFTER LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: AN INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGIST’S PERSPECTIVE  
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SS108 "IDIOPATHIC" NSIP: AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE
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SS109 PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF ANTIRHEUMATIC THERAPY
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

SS110 FROM REFERRAL TO LISTING AND BEYOND: THE NON-TRANSPLANT PULMONOLOGIST IN LUNG TRANSPLANTATION
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

SS111 STENTING FOR AIRWAY BYPASS IN SEVERE COPD
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

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SS203 SURGICAL THERAPY FOR COPD: TRANSPLANTATION, LVRS, AND BEYOND
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

SS204 CLINICAL PREDICTORS OF SURVIVAL IN IPF
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

SS205 OPTIMAL IMMUNOSUPPRESSION AFTER HUMAN LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: TOO MANY CHOICES OR TOO FEW?
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

SS206 CURRENT APPROACH TO LUNG CANCER STAGING AND MANAGEMENT: INTERACTIVE CASE STUDIES
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

SS207 A CASE-BASED APPROACH TO THE MANAGEMENT OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION: CAN WE PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH?
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SS208 MANAGEMENT OF BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS SYNDROME IN LUNG TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS
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SS209 RATIONAL USE OF BLOOD PRODUCTS IN THE ICU
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SS210 SHOULD WE SCREEN FOR COPD? DO ALL SMOKERS NEED A SPIROMETRY? WHO NEEDS BODY PLETHYSMOGRAPHY?
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SS211 COMPLIANCE WITH CAP GUIDELINES
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SS303 ACUTE EXACERBATION OF IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS
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SS304 THE USE OF NON-INVASIVE POSITIVE PRESSURE VENTILATION IN 2008
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SS306 MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN COPD
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SS307 DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF PULMONARY INFILTRATES IN LUNG TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS
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SS308 TRANSBRONCHIAL NEEDLE ASPIRATION: TIPS AND TRICKS
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

SS309 CARDIOPULMONARY EXERCISE TESTING: WHOM AND WHEN?
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SS310 WHAT IS (AND WHAT IS NOT) AN EXACERBATION OF COPD? DEFINING THE INDEFINABLE
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SS311 LUNG TRANSPLANTATION FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS: RECIPIENT SELECTION AND POST-TRANSPLANT OUTCOMES
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Mini-Symposia

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A13 INNOVATIONS IN EMPHYSEMA TREATMENT: LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION AND LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION SURGERY
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- **B92** GENETICS OF COPD 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

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- **C12** SARCOIDOSIS: NEW ASPECTS OF CLINICAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- **C13** THE ROLE OF NEWER BRONCHOSCOPIC TECHNIQUES: ENDOBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND AND VIRTUAL BRONCHOSCOPY 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- **C95** INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: EVALUATIONAL TREATMENT 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**
- **D92** COPD PATHOGENESIS IV: INSIGHTS INTO AIRWAY AND LUNG REMODELING 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
- **D93** COPD PHARMACOLOGICAL THERAPY: NEW RESULTS FROM CLINICAL TRIALS 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

### Poster Discussions

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**
- **A25** INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: MARKERS OF DISEASE ACTIVITY 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- **A102** INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: MORTALITY, MORBIDITY AND COMORBIDITIES 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

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- **B23** PREDICTING COPD EXACERBATIONS 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- **B24** LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: PATHOGENESIS OF ISCHEMIA-REPERFUSION AND OB 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- **B25** LUNG CANCER: TUMOR MARKERS AND TREATMENT 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- **B102** COPD OUTCOMES: MORTALITY, LUNG FUNCTION AND QUALITY OF LIFE 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
- **B103** SARCOIDOSIS: PRESENTATIONS AND PROGNOSIS 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

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- **C102** COPD COMORBIDITIES: ANEMIA, CHD, AND OBESITY 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
- **D22** BRONCHOSCOPY: LARGE AIRWAY INTERVENTIONS, PATIENT EXPERIENCE AND TOPICAL ANESTHESIA 8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
- **D106** CANCER: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PLEURAL DISEASE 1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

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- **A50** COPD EXACERBATIONS: TREATMENT 8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
- **A51** DYNAMIC HYPERINFLATION IN COPD: EVALUATION, PHYSIOLOGICAL AND FUNCTIONAL CORRELATIONS AND TREATMENT 8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
- **A52** COPD: DIAGNOSIS AND EVALUATION 8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
- **A53** COPD: PULMONARY REHABILITATION 8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
- **A54** PLEURAL DISORDERS I 8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
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B46  LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: IMPACT OF ALLOGRAFT INFECTIONS  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
B47  LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: ORGAN ALLOCATION AND PREDICTION OF POST TRANSPLANT SURVIVAL  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
B48  COPD EPIDEMIOLOGY: ASSESSING PREVALENCE AND RISKS  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
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B51  LUNG CANCER: MANAGEMENT  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
B52  THORACIC SURGERY: NEW TECHNIQUES AND OUTCOMES  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
B53  ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM

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C42  COPD PHARMACOTHERAPY I: EFFECTS OF BRONCHODILATORS  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
C43  COPD PHARMACOTHERAPY II: EFFECTS OF INHALED OR SYSTEMIC STEROIDS AND PDE4 INHIBITORS  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
C44  COPD PHARMACOTHERAPY III: NEW AGENTS  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
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C46  OXYGEN AND OTHER NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL THERAPY IN COPD  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM

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D30  NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
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D32  COPD TREATMENT: MANAGED CARE, COST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES, DISEASE AWARENESS AND BARRIERS TO CARE  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
D33  PULMONARY FUNCTION  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
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D38  BRONCHOSCOPY I  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
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D40  COUGH: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT  8:15 AM – 4:15 PM
Patients to Speak at Fourteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at fourteen symposia at the 2008 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposium for the last six years and at an increasing number of sessions at the 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 International Conferences. This is the fifth year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies’ Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation to offer insight into their personal journeys; to address their diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyle, family, career and relationships. They will share their perspective into what patients would like physicians and researchers to know about physician/patient relationships; and the importance and relevance of the work in which investigators and researchers are engaged.

The symposia at which a patient perspective will be presented are listed below:

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ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the seventh ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in Toronto on Tuesday, May 20th from 8:15-11:00 a.m. The topic will be “Rebuilding the Pulmonary Patient – From Laboratory to Lifestyle” chaired by John E. Heffner, MD and Donna J. Appell, RN. The program includes the following:

♦ Reevaluation, Rehabilitation and Resiliency: An Alpha-1 Patient’s Journey from Diagnosis and Lung Transplant to Today – Len Geiger, Jacksonville, FL
♦ Cellular and Molecular Strategies for Rebuilding the Lungs of the Pulmonary Patient – Dan Weiss, MD, Burlington, VT
♦ The Role of Inflammation as a Limiting Factor in Pulmonary Rehabilitation – Annemie Schols, MD, Maastricht, The Netherlands
♦ Targeting Skeletal Muscles in Pulmonary Rehabilitation – Francois Maltais, MD, Ancienne-Lorette, QC Canada
♦ Strategies for Post-Hospital Rehabilitation After Critical Illness – Margarett Herridge, MD Toronto, ON Canada
♦ Benefits of Pulmonary Rehabilitation on the Critical Care Patient: My Top 10 List” – Dee Storey, Saginaw, MI
♦ The New Evidence Base for Rehabilitation in Chronic Respiratory Disease – Andrew Ries, MD, San Diego, CA
♦ Putting the Patient in Charge: the Benefits of Self-Management Education – Jean Bourbeau, MD, Montreal, QC Canada
♦ Disease Modification Strategies in Chronic Lung Disease: Implications for Pulmonary Rehabilitation – Bartolome Celli, MD, Wellesley, MA

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 18 until Tuesday, May 20, 2008 in the Exhibit Hall of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Public Interest Organizations (PIO’s) concerned with lung and sleep disorders will present information about their organizations. A representative from each organization will be present at the poster session to provide additional information.

ATS Public Advisory Roundtable’s Second Annual

Breathing Better with the ATS Forum

This is a forum at which patients will have the unique opportunity to network and learn more about their disease. This year the panelists will focus on pulmonary rehabilitation and its benefits.

Panel Includes:
Roger S. Goldstein, MD
Richard ZuWallack, MD
Suzanne C. Lareau, RN, MS, FAAN
Len Geiger

If you have any patients in the Toronto area, please encourage them to attend. They will have an opportunity to hear from and network with other patients and experts in the pulmonary community.

May 17th, 2008, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
The Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel located at 123 Queen Street West Toronto, Canada
RSVP by: March 31st, 2008 by emailing par@thoracic.org or call Karen Belgiovin at (212) 315-8640
CLINICAL PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY
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MONDAY MAY 19TH 4:30-6:30 PM
SHERATON CENTRE TORONTO HOTEL
BALLROOM EAST (LOWER CONCOURSE)

Fellows Get First Year of ATS Membership for Free!

ATS is offering a free year of ATS membership to all first-year pulmonology, critical care, sleep fellows and post-doctoral PhD fellows! This special program is intended to welcome fellows to the ATS community. The Society would like these junior entrants to the fields of respiratory medicine to take advantage of the benefits of membership and look to ATS as their professional home for post graduate and continuing medical education, networking on a global scale, and for helping them to serve the needs of patients and the public at large.

Today’s fellows will be the research and clinical professionals who will achieve the next major advancement in the science and treatment of pulmonary disease, critical illness and sleep disorders critical to advancing science and practice of the fields.

To learn more about this newly launched program, send an e-mail to fellows@thoracic.org or visit the ATS Web site at www.thoracic.org and click “Free Year for Fellows” under the Membership drop down menu. Program directors are encouraged to share this information with their fellows and other colleagues.