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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Members,

It is hard to believe that a full year has gone by since we met in Washington, DC. Our meeting in DC was so full of energy. I hope that we're able to replicate that this year. I hope that all of you will join us for the Nursing Assembly's Meet and Greet Reception. It will be held on Sunday from 10am-11am in the Clinician's Center located at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion (Upper Level). This is a place for new members and attendees to meet members of the Nursing Assembly; it's also a great place to network with potential collaborators. For those of us who have been around for a while, it's a great place to meet up with friends and colleagues. Refreshments will be provided so please join us on Sunday morning.

ATS offers Nursing continuing education credits for nurses attending the conference. The cost to the organization to obtain these CEs was \$12,000 in 2017; only 33 of us applied for them. I understand that some of you apply for CME. In order to justify the high cost of Nursing CE both in terms of actual cost and staff time, we need to have a larger uptake to sustain this important benefit.

Our membership meeting will be held on Monday 4:30pm-7:00pm; check the on-site program for location and room. In addition to our usual business, Dr. Karen Huss will provide a brief update on important changes at NINR. Please plan to attend. There are exciting times and many challenges ahead for ATS. As I said last year, our Board of Directors and in particular our Executive Committee, is exceptional and I continue to be impressed with their thoughtfulness and leadership in these very trying times. Our organization is committed to being more integrated and less siloed. As we reach out to collaborate with other assemblies, we also need to invite them to collaborate with us. As we plan for 2019, let's keep this in mind.

There are many opportunities to become involved with ATS. Consider volunteering for a Nursing Assembly committee. Please reach out to me if you'd like to get more involved. You are the best judge of how we can put your talents to good use. There's plenty of work to go around.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the International Conference in San Diego. Please stop by the Meet and Greet to say hello. If you cannot make it to this meeting, I hope to see you in 2019. As I get ready to hand over the reins to Dr. Linda Chlan as your new Assembly Chair, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you for the past two years in this great organization! It has truly been my privilege.

Editor: Eileen G. Collins, PhD, RN



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# PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Judith Tate, PhD, RN, Chair and Jill Guttormson, PhD

We spent the months following the 2017 ATS meeting reviewing and programming abstracts and sessions for the 2018 ATS International Conference in San Diego. Our Year in Review will target older adults, a timely topic relevant to the three pillars of the ATS. We will offer a session from outside funding agencies including representatives from the NIH, PCORI and foundations. Karen Huss from the NINR will hold a special session on the topic of Caregiving. Our members can look forward to 2 major symposia, 1 meet the professor session, 1 mini-symposium, 2 thematic poster sessions and 1 poster discussion session. We look forward to seeing all of you in San Diego this May.

# WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Nina Bracken, ACNPC, MSN

The ATS Website is packed with information relevant to Nurses whether their focus is clinical, research, or education. ATS Webinars, organized by Assembly, offer viewers a lecture based approach to a variety of topics while following along with slides; the Best of ATS Video Lecture Series provides clinical procedure tutorials, as well as innovative practices from around the world; ATS podcasts offer listeners insight into a variety of topics from all Assemblies including hot topics in Pulmonary, and upcoming ATS events. Check out the most recent Nursing podcast, *Advanced Care Nurse Practitioners in the ICU*, and stay tuned for our upcoming podcast featuring highlights of the 2018 ATS International Conference to be released in early May.

The ATS Nursing Website provides resources for clinicians, as well as patient education, ATS Statements, member profiles, and important information about the *Mentoring Program*. Stay connected and informed through the ATS Social Media page with links to the ATS Facebook and Twitter feeds.

## ATS 2018 - SAN DIEGO, CA SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON NURSING

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B81	NURSING YEAR IN REVIEW	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 22, 2018</b>			
C7	MEDICATION AND BEYOND: TARGETED SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT FOR THE MECHANICALLY VENTILATED PATIENT	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
C88	YES, YOUR PULMONARY PATIENT IS READY FOR PALLIATIVE CARE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Jointly-Developed Symposium</b>			
<b>Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b>			
D10	GROWING UP WITH CHRONIC PULMONARY DISEASE: CHALLENGES IN THE TRANSITION FROM PEDIATRIC TO ADULT FOCUSED HEALTH CARE	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
<b>Meet The Professor Seminars</b>			
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
MP510	EXPERIENCES IN OUTPATIENT PULMONARY PALLIATIVE CARE	12:15 PM	1:15 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Mini-Symposium</b>			
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B18	PATIENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN RESPIRATORY AND CRITICAL CARE	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
<b>RAPiD Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Session</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 20, 2018</b>			
A108	EVALUATION OF SYMPTOMS AND NOVEL STRATEGIES IN PATIENT AND FAMILY CARE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Thematic Poster Sessions</b>			
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B53	ENHANCING PRACTICE ENVIRONMENTS, PATIENT SAFETY, AND OUTCOMES	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B54	CHRONIC DISORDERS: EVALUATION AND INTERVENTION	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
<b>ATS 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO NUR ASSEMBLY</b>			
Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Postgraduate Courses</b>			
<b>Friday, May 18, 2018</b>			
PG2	EXPANDING HORIZONS IN SUPPORT FOR RESPIRATORY FAILURE: ECMO AND BEYOND	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Saturday, May 19, 2018</b>			
PG19	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: UPDATE AND EVOLVING TRENDS IN DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG24	AERODIGESTIVE APPROACH TO COMPLEX CHRONIC PEDIATRIC DISEASES	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG26	PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO ENHANCE PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN HEALTH CARE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG28	WHAT THE PULMONOLOGIST AND THE INTENSIVIST SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SLEEP APNEA	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 20, 2018</b>			
A4	SURVIVING CRITICAL ILLNESS: OPTIMIZING OUTCOMES IN THE POST-ICU SPACE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
A11	ATS/JRS/CTS/ERS SYMPOSIUM ON SEVERE ASTHMA: RATIONALIZING TARGETED THERAPEUTICS	9:15AM	11:15 AM
A13	ATS/ALA IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE FOR LUNG CANCER SCREENING: AN OPERATIONAL TOOLKIT	9:15AM	11:15 AM
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B2	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE (ILD), IDIOPATHIC INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA (IIP) AND HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS (HP): CONTROVERSIES IN MANAGEMENT. A PRO/CON DEBATE	9:15AM	11:15 AM

**ATS 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO NUR ASSEMBLY**

<b>Session Code</b>	<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Session Time</b>	
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B4	TARGETS FOR IMPROVED SEPSIS CARE: WHAT, WHEN, AND HOW	9:15AM	11:15 AM
B12	GLOBAL CARE FOR SLEEP DISORDERS: TOWARDS UNIVERSAL ACCESS	9:15AM	11:15 AM
B82	CONTROVERSIES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF COPD	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B86	FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS: OPTIMIZING CRITICAL CARE DELIVERY AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B87	PAYING TOO HIGH A PRICE! THE LUNG HEALTH COST OF ENERGY EXTRACTION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B88	JUST DO IT: REDUCING PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY HEALTH DISPARITIES	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 22, 2018</b>			
C12	CHOOSING RIGHTLY: AT THE INTERSECTION OF PERSONALIZED MEDICINE AND DE-ADOPTION OF LOW-VALUE CARE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
C93	ATS CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES: CLINICAL PRACTICE ON THE CUTTING EDGE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b>			
D11	BATTLING BURNOUT: OVERCOMING THE BIGGEST THREAT TO HEALTH CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY	9:15AM	11:15 AM
D82	INTERVENTIONAL APPROACHES TO THE TREATMENT OF OBSTRUCTIVE LUNG DISEASES	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
D84	CRITICAL ILLNESS AND THE AGING BRAIN: DEMENTIA AND DELIRIUM IN THE ICU	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
D86	INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS: OPTIMIZING CARE IN ADULT AND PEDIATRIC PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Workshop Sessions</b>			
<b>Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b>			
WS7	DELIVERING PULMONARY REHABILITATION ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF CARE FROM HOSPITAL TO COMMUNITY	11:45 AM	1:15 PM

# EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Lea Ann Matura, PhD, RN, Chair

The Nursing Assembly's Early Career Professionals Working Group worked with the society wide committee to provide input into **The Road Map for ATS 2018**. The Road Map is a flowsheet of all the major events at ATS. There are highlighted activities of interest to the Nursing Assembly. Of particular interest to early career professionals and/or those members new to ATS are:

- Center for Career Development: A networking forum where senior clinicians and researchers offer advice on different aspects of career development for clinicians, clinician educators and researchers.
- ATS 101: An overview of how the ATS is structured as an organization.
- Assembly on Nursing Membership Meeting:
  - Monday, May 21st 4:30pm – 7:00pm, Coronado AB, Fourth Level, Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego
- Adult and Pediatric Core Curriculum Sessions: ATS 2018 features a core curriculum that showcases adult and pediatric medicine.
- Grant Resource Guide: A comprehensive list of funding sources specific for fellows and early career faculty.

In addition, the **Mentoring Program** is back again at ATS 2018. Mentoring pairs are formed as a result of survey matching primarily on the specialty, practice sites, career development interests and specific goals. During ATS 2017 we had 4 Mentees and 8 mentors participate in the program. Feedback continues to be positive. As a reminder: This unique mentoring approach provides the opportunity for members to take advantage of a 1:1 mentoring session only held during the conference. Therefore, participation in the program requires that both the mentor and mentee attend the International Conference. We encourage all Nursing Assembly members, new or experienced, to become a mentor or mentee (or both!). Participants complete a brief mentoring survey on the ATS website. That survey is used to match the mentoring pairs. ATS will offer a location exclusively for mentors and mentees to meet during the conference. The meeting space is located at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in the Balboa A room on the Second Level in the Seaport Tower. The room will be available Sunday May 20th – Tuesday May 22nd, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Snacks will be provided!

**MEET AND GREET**-This event is the opportunity to welcome nurses and student nurses attending the International Conference. Additionally, first-time conference attendees are welcomed via e-mail prior to their arrival and invited to attend the Meet and Greet. Please join us as we host this year's **Meet and Greet in the Clinician's Center located at the San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion (Upper Level), from 10:00 am to 11:00 am**. This is our time to engage in conversation with attendees interested in learning about the Nursing Assembly, introduce them to current Nursing Assembly members, and provide valuable information to get the most out of the conference. This event is a great way to foster the growth of our Nursing Assembly!

# INTEGRATIVE THERAPIES INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Tania Von Visger, APRN, PhD(c), CNS, CCNS, PCCN- Co-Chair  
and Ni-Cheng Liang, MD, Co-Chair

During the past year, we have been working toward three goals: 1) clinicians engagement in the critical evaluation of Integrative Therapy, 2) patient education about Integrative Therapy, and 3) clinician education in the scientific evidence about Integrative Therapy. Our activities/ deliverables are listed below.

- 2017 Scientific Symposium entitled, *“From Research to Bedside: Optimizing well-being through Integrative Therapy”* presentation
- 2019 Post Graduate workshop planning that will include didactic content of various Integrative Therapies. We refined a survey to be used for re-assessing ATS members' needs with regards to education and training. We are currently seeking an IRB approval to conduct this survey.
- Patient Education Information Series titled, *“Integrative Medicine (Complementary & Alternative Medicine) for the Lungs”* is posted online, and was published in the Blue Journal, June 2017. Additional topics will include “Use of Integrative Therapy in Critical Care”, and “Use of Integrative Therapy in Sleep Health”.

**The Nursing Assembly would like to congratulate the following Nursing Assembly members on their induction into the inaugural class of ATS fellows. We are so proud of you!**

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***Assembly on Nursing  
Membership Meeting***

***Monday, May 21st 4:30pm – 7:00pm  
Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego***

***Coronado AB  
Fourth Level***



Be sure to follow us at [@ATS\\_Assemblies](https://twitter.com/ATS_Assemblies) for news on webinars, deadlines, and other things you might have missed in your inbox!

### Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2018 ATS International Conference in San Diego, CA, 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 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in the Balboa A room on the Second Level in the Seaport Tower. The room will be available:  
Sunday May 20th – Tuesday May 22nd, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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](mailto:mgarcia@thoracic.org)

### Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2019!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2019. 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 Paula M. Meek, PhD, RN,BC at [paula.meek@ucdenver.edu](mailto:paula.meek@ucdenver.edu).

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

### Best of ATS Video Lecture Series (BAVLS)

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: <https://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/video-lecture-series/index.php>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ATS Walking Challenge

Walk for a good cause! Track steps and stay active with the Second Annual ATS Walking Challenge. 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. [Click here](#) for more details.

## Invitation to Join ATS Signature Global Health Program: Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical and Operations Research (MECOR)

Loyal to its tagline, the American Thoracic Society helps the world breathe; the ATS has been working to build research capacity in low- and middle-income countries through its Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical, and Operations Research (MECOR) program for 25 years. This intensive course for physicians and related health care professionals increases capacity and leadership in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine research beyond its US borders and US membership.

This spring, the ATS launched MECOR 2.0, which includes a ground-up redesign of the curriculum, course organization, and faculty/mentorship offerings. The updated program capitalizes and builds upon the program's extensive experience and expertise. The curriculum utilizes a "flipped classroom" teaching model with seminar style classroom sessions and a focus on one to one instruction with a learning management system for students, faculty, and alumni (CANVAS).

Since its initiation in 1994, the scope of the ATS MECOR program has grown tremendously. Today, its footprint is truly global with more than 1800 graduates from its global network of courses. Courses and partners include in **Africa**, the Pan African Thoracic, in **China**, the Chinese Thoracic Society, in **India**, the US Centers for Disease Control and the Indian Council for Medical Research, in **Indonesia**, the Indonesian Society for Respiriology, in the **Mediterranean**, the Turkish Thoracic Society, in **Latin American** the Latin American Thoracic Society, and in **Southeast Asia**, the Vietnamese National TB Program and the University of Sydney.

To join the ATS MECOR program as a faculty member or mentor, please use the link below to complete an application. For more information on the ATS MECOR Program, please go to the ATS website at:

[ATS MECOR Program](#)

[ATS MECOR Faculty Application](#)

## Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2018 ATS International Conference in San Diego

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

- **Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting:** Friday, May 18th from 6-9 PM, Manchester Grand Hyatt, Golden Hill AB (Seaport Tower, 3rd Level). This session is required for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new non-guideline projects. It is also recommended for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Anyone who is interested in Official ATS Documents is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to John Harmon at [jharmon@thoracic.org](mailto:jharmon@thoracic.org) if you have not already done so. A light dinner will be served.
  - ⇒ 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)
  - ⇒ 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 to discuss your idea with Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist). 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).
- **Documents Meeting Space:** Meeting space will be available to document developers from Sunday-Wednesday. Contact Kimberly Lawrence at [klawrence@thoracic.org](mailto:klawrence@thoracic.org) for additional details.
- **Guideline Methodology Training Program Information Session:** Monday, May 21st from 7-8:30 PM, Manchester Grand Hyatt, Hillcrest AB (Seaport Tower, 3rd Level). The guideline methodology training program provides mentored training in the skills necessary to serve as a lead methodologist for a clinical practice guideline project. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the 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](mailto: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 22nd from 12:15-1:15pm. Registration is available through the Conference Registration Website.

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

Thank you for participating in the [2017 ATS Assembly Challenge!](#)

The annual challenge taps into the grassroots community — and competitive spirit — of the ATS assemblies in support of the ATS Foundation.



**Bethany B. Moore, PhD**, chair for the Assembly on Allergy Immunology & Inflammation, receives All's Assembly Challenge award from Nicholas S. Hill, MD, ATS Foundation Secretary-Treasurer

The results are: the Assembly on **Allergy Immunology & Inflammation** raised the most dollars with \$96,351; **Nursing** had the highest member participation with 18.64 percent; **Critical Care** had the highest number of first-time givers in December with 13 new donors.

Many members made gifts supporting the [Research Program](#) and other core programs in the final days of 2017. 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 Allergy Immunology & Inflammation, Nursing, and Critical Care assemblies! They will receive special recognition in ATS communications, at ATS 2018, 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](http://foundation.thoracic.org)



**Eileen G. Collins, PhD**, chair for the Assembly on Nursing, receives Nursing's Assembly Challenge award from Nicholas S. Hill, MD, ATS Foundation Secretary-Treasurer



**John P. Kress, MD**, chair for the Assembly on Critical Care, receives CC's Assembly Challenge award from Nicholas S. Hill, MD, ATS Foundation Secretary-Treasurer

## Physicians planning to take the ABIM critical care MOC assessment have a new resource to prepare for the exam: the ATS Review for the Critical Care Boards

The ATS Review for the Critical Care Boards and Questions Book provide an in-depth review of critical care topics that will be on the American Board of Internal Medicine Critical Care Medicine Certification examination. Chapters include:

- Renal, Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders
- Infectious Diseases
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Pulmonary Diseases
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Surgery, Trauma, and Transplantation
- Cardiovascular Disorders
- Neurologic Disorders
- Hematologic and Oncologic Disorders
- Ethics, Research and Administration

Learn more, order, and begin studying by [visiting](#) the ATS Store

## Education Committee to offer Educational Consulting Office Hours during the 2018 International Conference

- Are you planning to submit a proposal for programming at the 2019 International Conference, but don't know where to start?
- Do you want to maximize your chances of having your Postgraduate Course Proposal programmed in 2019?
- Would you like to review feedback you received on a 2018 proposal that wasn't programmed?
- Would you like feedback on a presentation you're giving at this year's International Conference?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, stop by the Science and Innovation Center, where members of the Education Committee will be available to answer questions, no appointment necessary. Consulting will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis on:

**Monday 5/21 from 10-11AM, 12-1 PM, and 3-4 PM**

**Tuesday 5/22 from 10-11AM, 12-1PM, and 3-4PM**

**Wednesday 5/23 from 10-11AM, and 12-1PM**

## Restoring Joy in Health Care Booth

What does burnout look like and how can we change things personally and professionally for the better?

Explore the **Restoring Joy in Health Care booth (#904)** to crowd source ways to improve the professional environment, get a chair massage or visit with a therapy dog to bring you back to center. Therapy dogs are in the booth from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Interactive booth in the Exhibit Hall (with puppies)  
San Diego Convention Center  
Hall C (Ground Level), Booth 904

## 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: <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.

## Help Available for Assembly Members on Clinical and Research Ethics and Conflict Management

The ATS Ethics and Conflict of Interest Committee is a society-wide committee appointed by the ATS President to be a resource and contribute to ATS education on biomedical and organizational ethics. Its seventeen members are from many ATS assemblies and sections, and many have leadership roles in their institution's ethics committees, advanced degrees in medical or nursing ethics, and have published on related issues.

Assembly members are encouraged to use the committee for advice and help in developing programs, statements, and conference sessions relevant to clinical or research ethics or managing conflicts of interest (COI), as well as in dealing with the ethical issues you face in the workplace. In recent years, the committee developed ATS statements on Managing Conscientious Objections and Responding to Requests for Potentially Inappropriate Therapies, and produced podcasts on other topics that are available within the ATS Breathe Easy podcasts on the ATS website. It also oversees ATS management of COI. The Committee is chaired by David Chooljian, MD, JD. Questions and requests for help can go through the committee's staff member, Shane McDermott, at [smcdermott@thoracic.org](mailto:smcdermott@thoracic.org) or 212-315-8650.

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ASSEMBLIES



Want to know how the ATS Assemblies and Committees really work?

Would you like to get more involved?

This is your chance! You can now register here to become more involved in the ATS Assemblies, ATS Committees or both. There are many ways to grow within ATS and the Assemblies and Committees are a great starting point.

[www.thoracic.org/go/get-involved](http://www.thoracic.org/go/get-involved)



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