

Assembly on Nursing (NUR) Newsletter



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Message from the Assembly Chair

Dear Colleagues,

As I reflect on my first year serving as the ATS Assembly on Nursing chair, I want to express my immense gratitude for all of you. To the nursing assembly members that have served on assembly or ATS committees, thank you for your ongoing work and support of the assembly and the society. While we are a small assembly, our impact across the ATS organization is integral to the mission of ATS. If you are newer to ATS or have not been involved in assembly or ATS committees, I encourage you to reach out to the assembly committee chairs to express your interest or visit the Get Involved page at ATS ([GET INVOLVED! \(thoracic.org\)](https://www.thoracic.org)). Signing up at this link is the best way to increase your involvement in ATS so you can participate in the society in a way that is meaningful to you.

A huge congratulations to Sharon Crowder, recipient of the 2023 ATS Distinguished Achievement Award. Recipients of this award are recognized for their outstanding major contributions that advance the mission of the American Thoracic Society. Additional congratulations to assembly members recognized as ATS Fellows this year (Tania Von Visger and Rebecca Dissler). I encourage you all to consider applying for this during the coming year.

It is always with awe that I learn about your contributions to ATS and the fields of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep. More information on ATS Fellows is available at: [ATS Fellow \(thoracic.org\)](https://www.thoracic.org).

For those of you joining us at the International Conference in Washington D.C. this year, please connect with other nurses you see at the conference and invite them to join us at the Annual Assembly Meeting: Monday, May 22nd – 5:00-7:00 PM. I look forward to seeing you there.

Representing the nursing assembly is an honor and I look forward to the next year.
See you in D.C.!!


Jill Guttormson

Assembly on Nursing (NUR) Membership Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Building Marriott Marquis DC
Room: Marquis Ballroom Salon 12-13
Floor: M2

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Program Committee

Sharron Crowder, PhD, RN, ATSF (Chair) & Jennifer B. Seaman, PhD, RN, CHPN (Chair-Elect)

Greetings,

The Program Committee has been collaborating with the International Conference Committee to develop an exciting program for this year's conference in Washington DC, May 19-24. Below is a table listing the sessions sponsored or co-sponsored by the Nursing Assembly.

ATS 2023 International Conference Assembly on Nursing (NUR) Sessions

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Time Start	Session Time End
A9	USING TECHNOLOGY TO SAVE THE BRAIN AND BODY: NOVEL INTERVENTIONS TO MANAGE PAIN, ANXIETY, DELIRIUM, AND PROMOTE MOBILITY IN ICU	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
A96	ENHANCING SUPPORT FOR PATIENTS AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS ILLNESS	Mini Symposium	5/21/2023	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B26	IT'S TIME TO ADVANCE THE CARE OF PATIENTS WITH COPD, PULMONARY HYPERTENSION, AND OTHER LUNG CONDITIONS	Poster Discussion Session	5/22/2023	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
L8	PURSUIING THE RIGHT FUNDING SOURCE: INSTITUTES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND FOUNDATIONS SHARE THEIR FUNDING PRIORITIES	Outside Organization Session	5/22/2023	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
B81	NURSING YEAR IN REVIEW - WE CAN'T WAIT: ASSURING A PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE, AND SLEEP NURSING WORKFORCE	Year in Review	5/22/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C58	HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH IN DIVERSE SETTINGS	Thematic Poster Session	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C11	ADVANCING CLINICAL ISSUES TO ATS AND CAPITOL HILL: THE OXYGEN THERAPY EXEMPLAR	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM

MTE35	ENGAGING PARTNERS TO PROMOTE ADHERENCE TO CPAP TREATMENT	Meet the Expert	5/23/2023	10:15 AM	11:15 AM
A12	PUBLICATION TO EMPOWERMENT-TRANSITIONING SCIENCE INTO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY	Jointly-Developed Symposium	5/21/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM

**ATS 2023 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Start	Session End
A11	CARING FOR HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED PATIENTS: ETHICAL, LEGAL AND ADVOCACY PRIMER FOR PROVIDERS	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
A10	ASTHMA HOT TOPIC 2023: WHICH "ICS PLUS BRONCHODILATOR" RELIEVER FOR WHICH PATIENT?	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
A9	USING TECHNOLOGY TO SAVE THE BRAIN AND BODY: NOVEL INTERVENTIONS TO MANAGE PAIN, ANXIETY, DELIRIUM, AND PROMOTE MOBILITY IN ICU	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
A8	BRONCHOPULMONARY DYSPLASIA ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
A7	THE NEW ATS CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR PULMONARY REHABILITATION	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
A6	BEYOND TRANSCRIPTOMICS: THE NEXT FRONTIER IN COPD/EMPHYSEMA	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
A89	CAN ENVIRONMENTAL INTERVENTIONS CHANGE THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH?	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
A87	NEW TREATMENT APPROACHES FOR BRONCHIECTASIS	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
A88	NEURO-IMMUNE INTERACTIONS IN LUNG DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B12	ATS CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES: CLINICAL PRACTICE ON THE CUTTING EDGE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
B7	SICKLE CELL LUNG DISEASE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN: WHERE ARE WE NOW?	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
B8	BEYOND THE LUNGS: EXTRAPULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS OF PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
B11	GLOBAL INSIGHTS ON THE LONG-TERM SEQUELAE OF INFECTIONS: BEYOND COVID	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
B9	SEX-SPECIFIC MECHANISMS OF LUNG DISEASE PATHOGENESIS THROUGH THE LENS OF SINGLE CELL RNA SEQUENCING	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
B6	NON-PAP ALTERNATIVES FOR OSA: FROM ACCEPTED TO REVOLUTIONARY	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM

B10	REIGNITING THE CANCER MOONSHOT: ATS = MISSION CONTROL FOR LUNG CANCER	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
B92	INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO PERSONALIZED SEVERE ASTHMA MANAGEMENT	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B90	IMPROVING THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF PEDIATRIC ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B88	LEAPS AND BOUNDS: REDUCING HEALTHCARE'S CARBON FOOTPRINT	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B87	CONTROVERSIES IN PEDIATRIC OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA: A PRO/CON DEBATE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B89	TRANSCRIPTOMIC PROFILING OF PULMONARY VASCULAR LESIONS UNRAVEL MECHANISMS OF PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B86	PRECISION MEDICINE IN PNEUMONIA	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C11	ADVANCING CLINICAL ISSUES TO ATS AND CAPITOL HILL: THE OXYGEN THERAPY EXEMPLAR	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
C6	DISPARITIES IN RESPIRATORY GENOMICS RESEARCH: STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE SCIENCE AND CLINICAL CARE	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
C5	DISMANTLING STRUCTURAL RACISM FROM RISK AND DISEASE PREDICTION IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
C8	NEW CONCEPTS AND UPDATE IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF NTM AND TB INFECTIONS	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
C9	REHABILITATION FOR THE POST-COVID POPULATION	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
C10	OPIOID USE DISORDER, SLEEP DEFICIENCY, AND VENTILATORY CONTROL: BIDIRECTIONAL MECHANISMS AND THERAPEUTIC TARGETS	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
C7	CANCER IN THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER SMOKED: NEW INSIGHTS FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
C89	ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY: REDUCING THE IMPACT OF SDOH THROUGH RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C85	A PATH TOWARDS A MORE DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C88	BIOLOGICAL IMPACT OF COVID-19 ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C87	A MEASURED RESPONSE: ASSESSING TREATMENT OUTCOMES IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C86	BEYOND THE TRANSCRIPTOME: HOW THE MULTI-"OMIC" UNIVERSE PROVIDES NOVEL INSIGHTS INTO IPF/ILD PATHOGENESIS	Scientific Symposium	5/23/2023	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
D5	REVISITING BEST BUY INTERVENTIONS FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM

	RESPIRATORY DISEASES IN LOW- AND MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES				
D6	OBESITY-RELATED ASTHMA: MECHANISTIC STUDIES BEGIN TO INFORM THERAPEUTICS	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
D10	AN AGE-FRIENDLY FRAMEWORK FOR CARING FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
D7	WANT TO BE AN ADVOCATE FOR LUNG HEALTH? LEARN FROM SUCCESS!	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
D8	UNDER THE MAGNIFYING GLASS: OMICS AND DEEP PHENOTYPING IN PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASES	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
D9	IT'S ABOUT TIME! THE CIRCADIAN CLOCK IN LUNG DISEASE, FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
D11	THE EVOLVING ROLE FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY IN LUNG CANCER	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM
D86	HUMANS, ANIMALS, THE ENVIRONMENT: WHY IS THE ONE HEALTH APPROACH NEEDED FOR EMERGING HEALTH ISSUES?	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	12:00 PM	1:30 PM
D87	THE UN HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON TB 2023: A CHANCE TO BEAT THIS PARTICULAR PANDEMIC	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	12:00 PM	1:30 PM
D88	BEYOND BIOENERGETICS: CELLULAR METABOLISM IN LUNG HEALTH AND DISEASE	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	12:00 PM	1:30 PM
D89	OSA-ASSOCIATED INFLAMMATION AND COMORBIDITIES: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES	Scientific Symposium	5/24/2023	12:00 PM	1:30 PM

While you are at the 2023 Annual Meeting, think about possible symposium topics and potential collaborators, and take the time to connect with them. The deadline to submit symposia falls only weeks after the conference! Please reach out to Sharron Crowder or Jennifer Seaman if you have questions about developing a symposium to submit for 2024.

Planning Committee

Deena Kelly Costa PhD, RN, FAAN & Lynn Baniak, PhD, RN (Co-Chairs)

Greetings!

We have a wonderful and dedicated group of Planning committee members who work together to develop strategies to support the goals and objectives of the Assembly.

This year, we are focused on:

1. Continuing to support ATS project proposals. Please reach out to me to discuss any project ideas you might have and the application process. More info is available at the Assembly/Committee Project Application Resource Center, including the types of ATS documents, application instructions, helpful hints, and more!
2. Increasing recognition of nursing at ATS through the nomination of Nursing Assembly members for ATS awards

This past year we have had success in continuing to support ATS project proposals led by nursing assembly members. A NUR ATS Workshop project was recently funding: Priorities for healthcare systems

emergency preparedness in inpatient settings: Lessons learned from COVID-19 (Co-Chairs: Lynn Baniak, Jake McSparron and Jill Guttormson). This project includes participation from several nursing assembly members including Jonna Morris, Melanie Lyons, Jen Seamen – congratulations, team!

We also have continued to nominate nursing assembly members for several awards at ATS – join ATS 2023 in DC to find out if our members are being recognized!!

Assembly/Committee Project Applications for FY 2023 will open this summer (July 1st). All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly and Committee Project Applications.

Please feel to reach out to me and any Planning Committee members if you have any feedback, are interested in participating in the committee, need or want support to develop an ATS project proposal or know of any Nursing Assembly members you'd like to nominate for an ATS award! We would love to hear from you. Please also see the ATS Project Application Resource Center for detailed information regarding deadlines, sample project proposal, and helpful tips!

See you all soon in D.C.!!

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2023!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept **NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2023**. 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 Deena Costa, PhD, RN at dkcosta@med.umich.edu**

For questions regarding submissions please contact
Miriam Rodriguez
Tel: (212) 315-8639 or email: Mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

Nominating Committee

Wanda Gibson-Scipio, PhD, FNP-BC (Chair)

The main function of the Nominating Committee is to solicit member recommendations for names to be placed on the ballot for our Assembly's open elected positions. This past year, we sought candidates for the following positions: Assembly on Nursing Chair (2023-2024 Chair-elect, 2024-2026 Chair) Program Committee Chair (2023-2024 Chair-elect, 2024-2025 Chair), and for two new members of the Nominating Committee (2023-2024). Thank you to all of our Assembly on Nursing members who volunteered to serve in a leadership position and or agreed to have their names placed on the ballot. Our newly elected leaders will be announced at the annual conference in May. Please consider self-nomination or nomination of a deserving colleague when the next call for nominations is presented. Getting involved in our terrific Assembly on Nursing is a great way to learn about ATS while serving in a leadership role. I would like to thank my Nominating committee members for their service this past year; Jennifer Mammen, PhD, NP-BC and Ye Lichaun, PhD, RN. We are Looking forward to seeing Assembly members at the international conference in Washington DC!

Web Committee

Heidi L. Lindroth, PhD, RN (Web Director)

- Drs. Natalie McAndrew and Kelly Calkins joined the Web Committee in 2022 to help share the amazing work accomplished by the Nursing Assembly members. We primarily use Twitter to disseminate information. Please follow us @ATSNursing.
- This year we want to build upon our infrastructure to highlight different members of the Assembly. This may be through podcasts, infographics, tweets, or other articles. If you have ideas, please reach out and share these. We want to be a resource for the ATS Nursing Assembly!
- Our Nursing Assembly website (need link) is a hub of information for our members. Please take time to explore!

Interested in being on the committee? Want to be a social media ambassador for our assembly? Have an article you want to share? Please email Heidi Lindroth at lindroth.heidi@mayo.edu OR direct message me on Twitter, @minipixie26

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Ph.D. and Basic and Translational Scientist Working Group

Kelly Potter, PhD, RN, CNE

The Ph.D. and Basic and Translational Scientist Working Group (PBTS WG) has been in existence since January 1, 2019 and is charged with enhancing the value of ATS membership for basic and translational scientists, specifically Ph.D. scientists. The PBTS WG consists of thirty-six members that are drawn from each of the fourteen ATS Assemblies. In 2022, we'd like to highlight several new initiatives that benefit the Nursing Assembly:

Seminar Subcommittee

With the goal of highlighting Ph.D. scientists and innovative methods/techniques in a seminar format, the Seminar subcommittee was formed in 2022 under the co-leadership of Nicholas Jendzjowsky, Ph.D. (Assembly on All) and Lindsay McDonald, Ph.D. (Assembly on RCMB). The planned structure for 2-3 seminars per year with the co-sponsorship of assemblies within the ATS is a discussion of the research, preferably by a Ph.D. early career scientist, followed by discussion.

Equity and ATS Opportunities

Under the co-leadership of Carolyn Cannon, M.D., Ph.D. (Assembly on PI-TB) and Melissa Valerio-Shewmaker, M.D., M.P.H. (Assembly on BSHSR), among several focuses, the Equity and ATS Opportunities

subcommittee is working on emphasizing a parity in the fee structure for Ph.D. scientists at the conference. This subcommittee has also worked with the ATS Health Equity and Diversity Committee to help promote diversity.

Assembly Project

On behalf of the PBTS WG, Bethany Moore, Ph.D., ATSF spearheaded the development and submission of an Assembly Project through the Assembly on RSF entitled “Ph.D.s in Clinical Departments: Barriers, Opportunities and ATS Membership”. This project addressed the perception that many Ph.D. scientists contribute to the mission of subspecialty clinical divisions within Departments of Medicine and of Pediatrics, yet barriers exist for them to attain tenure-track faculty status.

if you would like to become involved with the PBTS WG or have any issues you feel that the WG could effectively address, please feel free to e-mail Kelly Potter (kelly.potter@pitt.edu).

Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers

Sunday, May 21 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. The reception will be held in the Science and Innovation Center (SIC) at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center (Reception area in Hall D, Level 2). There will be food provided and activities during the event will include an opportunity to get to meet and network with other scientists, to engage with leaders from the ATS and assemblies and to provide feedback regarding activities or programs that ATS could offer to benefit the basic and translational science members, especially those who are not also clinicians.

Register Here: <https://conference.thoracic.org/program/events/reception-phd-other-basic-science-researchers.php>

Early Career Professional Working Group

Jonna Morris, PhD, RN

The Early Career Professionals Working Group (ECPWG) is committed to providing resources for students, fellows, and junior faculty to increase their professional success during the ATS International Conference and beyond. This year we focused on expanding those resources. Highlights of the group’s activities include:

- **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM** – The Assembly on Nursing is excited to participate, once again, in the apprenticeship program. We are currently searching for potential apprentices to participate. Three apprentices will be chosen, one each for the Program, Planning, and Web Committees. Apprentices receive the opportunity for a 1-year "behind the scenes" look at the operations of the assembly while developing skills for the development and evaluation of committee projects and applications. Apprentices will be introduced during the Assembly meeting during ATS 2023. Please contact either Jonna or Lynn if interested.
- **MENTORING PROGRAM** - The Mentoring Program will soon be starting again at ATS 2023. This unique mentoring approach provides the opportunity for ATS members to take advantage of a 1:1 mentoring session held during the international conference. We encourage all Assembly on Nursing members, new or experienced, to become a mentor or mentee (or both!). Please watch for ATS notifications that will let you know when the program is open. You will first complete a brief mentoring survey on the ATS website that helps to match mentoring pairs. ATS facilitates a one-time mentoring experience and requires mentees and mentors to connect virtually at their

convenience. Mentorship can extend beyond the initial virtual meeting if the mentor and mentee choose, but this is not mandatory.

- If you are interested in joining the ECPWG, please contact [Jonna Morris at jlm356@pitt.edu](mailto:Jonna.Morris@pitt.edu) or [Lynn Baniak at baniakl@pitt.edu](mailto:Lynn.Baniak@pitt.edu). We look forward to seeing you at ATS 2023!

Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? The Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentees to meet.

Renaissance Hotel

(Lobby level: Red Bud Room)

Sunday, May 21 – Monday, May 22 from 7 am to 7 pm

Please note, this space is exclusively for Mentoring Program participants*

ATS Contact- Nicole Feijoo at NFeijoo@thoracic.org

Oxygen Special Interest Group

Susan Jacobs, RN, MS, FAAN (Chair)

The ATS Oxygen Special Interest Group (SIG) was created to improve care quality for patients using supplemental oxygen. For the past five years, this group of dedicated healthcare professionals, patients, researchers and multiple patient advocacy organization leaders, have met to a) target the continuing unmet needs around oxygen education for patients and healthcare professionals, b) identify gaps in research, and c) support advocacy and lobbying efforts to change policy that affects oxygen users. The COVID-19 pandemic has only worsened oxygen access due the more recent shortages of portable devices including both compressed gas tanks, and also portable oxygen concentrators (POCs). The lack of access to liquid oxygen options -particularly affecting high-flow users, existed long before COVID and is an ongoing national problem.

The focus of this multidisciplinary group's efforts for the past six months has been to work with ATS governmental affairs, ALA (American Lung Association), PFF (Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation), and the AARC (American Association of Respiratory Care), to gather patient stories around barriers to oxygen access and training, document liquid and other oxygen prescription denials, and to obtain patient and [clinician signatures](#) to support a legislative proposal document referred to as the "Four Pillars". This is all preparatory work to finalize a legislative proposal and seek its congressional support in the upcoming months.

The input from multiple viewpoints has been invaluable to this group's strategizing to successfully address these patient, clinician and advocacy goals. CMS and Durable Medical Equipment companies have also provided input. In addition to ATS, ALA, PFF and AARC, the LAM Foundation (TLF), Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA), the Alpha 1 Foundation, the COPD Foundation, the Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia Foundation, and numerous physicians, physical therapist, nurses and respiratory therapists participate.

This group has also addressed the need for obtaining funding for research to provide data supporting negative outcomes of patients lacking access to portable oxygen systems to remain mobile outside the

home, as well as access to high flow portable systems to avoid prolonged periods of hypoxemia when outside the home.

On the patient education side, our group continues to update the [ATS Oxygen Education website](#) and welcome any suggested resources to add.

We look forward to the May 2023 ATS IC in Washington DC where 'Hill Day' oxygen activities are planned. The ATS IC will include Session C11 "ADVANCING CLINICAL ISSUES TO ATS AND CAPITOL HILL: THE OXYGEN THERAPY EXEMPLAR". I will be presenting "ATS Means Family and Family Means Nobody Gets Left Behind: ATS Responses to Oxygen Issues". A big thank you to Sharron Crowder for putting this successful proposal together from the Health Policy Committee!

Please contact Susan Jacobs RN, MS, FAAN at ssjulg@stanford.edu for more information.

ATS Integrative Therapy Interest Group

Tania Von Visger (Chair)

<https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/interest-groups/integrative-therapy.php>

Accomplishments from this multidisciplinary interest group in the last year:

1. 2023 ATS Scientific Symposium Submission - **"Implementing Complementary Health Approaches in Diverse Populations with Pulmonary Disease: Enhancing Equity and Inclusion through Greater Access Acceptability and Adoption."**
2. **2023 ATS Conference Clinician's Corner Program: Integrative Therapy used to promote sleep health Pro and Con debate: Melatonin, CBD, Chamomile, Cannon Balm use**
3. **Healthy Harrison Initiative:** by Dr. Prashanth M. in West Virginia ATS community
4. **COPD World Education Day 9/9/22:** by Dr. Asha Deveraux & Valerie Chang, ATS PAR member
5. **2022 ATS Conference: Clinician's Corner- non-CME program – Complementary Approaches to Lung Health**
 - a. Breathing Lesson – Dr. Meilan Han
 - b. Ayurvedic-breathing approach – Dr. Prashanth M. and Dr. Deveraux
 - c. Supplements for COVID-related symptoms - Anna Breiberg
6. **2022 ATS Conference:** Clinician's Corner- non-CME program – Heal the Healers by Dr. Ni-Cheng Liang et al.
7. **2022 Eastern Nursing Research Society (ENRS) Conference presentation 3/30/22, "Anti-Asian Sentiment's impact on Mental Health Outcomes during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Scoping Review."**- Dr. Tania Von Visger
8. **Integrative Therapies in long COVID,** the San Diego County Medical Society, 2/26/22 – Dr. Ni-Cheng Liang
9. Dr. Asha Deveraux participated in a 1-hour information gathering about **Challenges in Obtaining Durable Medical Equipment such as oxygen supplements and related devices.** CMS updated the existing policy regarding accessing and use of DMEs
10. **2022 CHEST Presentation on Lifestyle Medicine:** Dr. Prashanth M.