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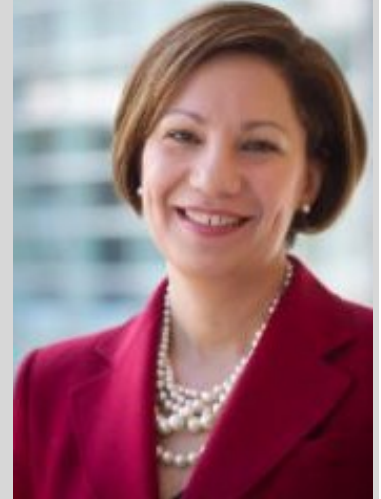
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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

With a strong commitment to promoting research, delivery of state-of-the-art care and development of health care policies that will enhance the lives of patients with lung cancer and other thoracic malignancies, the members of the Thoracic Oncology Assembly (TOA) continue to build a community of scholarship, service and multidisciplinary collaboration. With the rapid advancements in the field of thoracic oncology, this is an exciting time to be a member of the TOA. Our assembly currently has over 1100 primary and secondary members, with approximately 400 international members. In this newsletter, TOA leadership describe recent achievements and future directions.



M. Patricia Rivera, MD

The commitment to enhance the science and the art of thoracic oncology is closely linked to our obligation to reduce the worldwide burden of disease and death caused by tobacco use.

As Assembly Chair, I worked with members of the ATS Tobacco Action Committee (TAC) to promote and enhance cross talk between the two groups with the goal to develop research and educational collaboration to aid in our collective mission of ending tobacco use. Cap Powell, Chair of the International Relations Working Group, has been working to establish liaisons with peer Thoracic Oncology organizations to enhance collaboration. Our assembly members have done a terrific job developing high quality projects and Philippe Montgrain, Planning Committee Chair, highlights projects sponsored by the TOA that have been recently published (tobacco treatment within screening program and molecular biomarkers in early diagnosis of lung cancer), are pending publication (malignant pleural effusion guidelines and impact of coexisting chronic disease on screening) and have been accepted for the International Conference in May (knowledge gaps in immunotherapy induced pneumonitis and web-based tool kit for screening implementation). The Chair and Co-Chair of the Program Committee, Chris Slatore and Patrick Nana-Sinkam, worked tirelessly to represent our assembly at the programing meeting for the International Conference. Once again, we will have an excellent TOA-sponsored and co-sponsored program that includes a post graduate course, --- major symposia, ---jointly-sponsored symposia, ---mini symposia, ---sunrise seminars,---meet the professor sessions, and ....

## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (*Continued*)

... poster session and a lung cancer year in review talk by Renda Wiener. Our Web Director, Katie Steiling, summarizes the exciting and dynamic webinars and podcasts developed for TOA. In addition, this newsletter includes reports from our working groups, the Early Career Working Group co-chaired by Nichole Tanner and Mark Fuster, the Interventional Pulmonary Working Group co-chaired by Momen Wahidi and Lonny Yarmus and the International Relations Working Group chaired by Cap Powel.

Science is a global collaborative enterprise and should have no barriers. As we continue our efforts to promote multidisciplinary international collaboration to identify the gaps in knowledge and enhance research in thoracic malignancies, I encourage all of you to become involved. We have an outstanding assembly and it is my honor and privileged to serve as your Chair.

Respectfully submitted,  
M. Patricia Rivera, MD

## PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Philippe R. Montgrain, MD, Chair

The Thoracic Oncology Assembly has successfully completed and published two projects over the past year, has been actively working on two projects, and has had two new projects accepted for funding (meetings planned at ATS 2018).

### Recently published:

Mazzone PJ, Sears CR, Arenberg DA, Gaga M, Gould MK, Massion PP, Nair VS, Powell CA, Silvestri GA, Vachani A, Wiener RS; ATS Assembly on Thoracic Oncology. Evaluating Molecular Biomarkers for the Early Detection of Lung Cancer: When Is a Biomarker Ready for Clinical Use? An Official American Thoracic Society Policy Statement. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2017 Oct 1;196(7):e15-e29.

Kathuria H, Detterbeck FC, Fathi JT, Fennig K, Gould MK, Jolicoeur DG, Land SR, Massetti GM, Mazzone PJ, Silvestri GA, Slatore CG, Smith RA, Vachani A, Zeliadt SB, Wiener RS; ATS Assembly on Thoracic Oncology. Stakeholder Research Priorities for Smoking Cessation Interventions within Lung Cancer Screening Programs. An Official American Thoracic Society Research Statement. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2017 Nov 1;196(9):1202-1212.

### Active projects pending publication:

Evaluation and Management of Patients with Malignant Pleural Effusions. Clinical Practice Guideline led by David Feller-Kopman.

Evaluation of Coexisting Chronic Illnesses in Selecting Patients for Lung Cancer Screening. Research Statement led by M. Patricia Rivera.

### New projects selected for funding:

Knowledge Gaps in Immunotherapy-Induced Pneumonitis. Research Statement led by Catherine Sears and M. Patricia Rivera.

American Thoracic Society/American Lung Association Web-based Toolkit for Implementation of Lung Cancer Screening. Workshop Report led by Carey Thomson.

Separately, the Planning Committee is soon to evaluate nominations for the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award and Early Career Achievement Award.

The 2017 awardees were:

2017 Lifetime Achievement Award: Charles "Cap" Powell, MD

2017 Early Career Achievement Awards: Seyed Javad Moghaddam, MD and Rajkumar Savai, PhD

# ATS 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON THORACIC ONCOLOGY

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Postgraduate Courses</b>			
<b>Saturday, May 19, 2018</b>			
PG29	STATE OF THE ART: LUNG CANCER IN 2018	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B10	LUNG CANCER SCREENING: WHO'S IN AND WHO'S OUT? A PRO/CON DEBATE	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
B83	THE OTHER (NON-NON SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER) THORACIC MALIGNANCIES	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b>			
D6	MANIPULATING INFLAMMATORY AND EPITHELIAL NETWORKS FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF LUNG CANCER	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
<b>Workshop Sessions</b>			
<b>Tuesday, May 22, 2018</b>			
WS6	BRONCHOSCOPIC APPROACH TO THE PERIPHERAL LUNG NODULE	11:45 AM	1:15 PM
<b>Sunrise Seminars</b>			
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
SS118	PULMONARY NODULE EVALUATION: MANAGING UNCERTAINTY	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Tuesday, May 22, 2018</b>			
SS219	MANAGING THE AIRWAYS COMPLICATIONS OF THORACIC MALIGNANCIES	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Meet The Professor Seminars</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 20, 2018</b>			
MP414	WHAT PULMONOLOGISTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
MP514	SIMPLIFYING CLINICAL RELEVANCE OF BRONCH-BIOPSY TUMOR GENOMICS: WHAT PULMONOLOGISTS NEED TO KNOW	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Mini-Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 20, 2018</b>			
A98	CLINICAL STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE LUNG CANCER EARLY DETECTION - WHO IS AT RISK HERE?	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 22, 2018</b>			
C99	HARNESSING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM IN LUNG CANCER: WHY SO DEFENSIVE?	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b>			
D99	CLINICALLY INFORMATIVE BIOMARKERS IN LUNG CANCER: A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
<b>RAPiD: Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 20, 2018</b>			
A110	NOVEL MECHANISMS AND TARGETS IN LUNG CANCER PROGRESSION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B110	LUNG CANCER SCREENING AND PULMONARY NODULES: REFINEMENTS AND REDEFINE-MENTS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 22, 2018</b>			
C30	PEERING INTO THE FUTURE OF BIOMARKERS IN LUNG CANCER	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
C110	INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY: THE SWISS ARMY KNIFE FOR THORACIC ONCOLOGY	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b>			
D30	A BETTER PATH FORWARD: IMPROVING PATIENT OUTCOMES IN LUNG CANCER	9:15 AM	11:15 AM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Thematic Poster Sessions</b>			
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B69	CASE REPORTS IN THORACIC ONCOLOGY I	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B70	CASE REPORTS IN THORACIC ONCOLOGY II	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B71	CASE REPORTS IN THORACIC ONCOLOGY III	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B72	CASE REPORTS IN THORACIC ONCOLOGY IV	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B73	CASE REPORTS IN THORACIC ONCOLOGY V	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B74	CASE REPORTS IN THORACIC ONCOLOGY VI	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B75	CASE REPORTS IN THORACIC ONCOLOGY VII	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b>			
D61	IMAGING, INTERVENTIONS, AND INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY: THE THREE "I's" OF THORACIC ONCOLOGY	9:15 AM	3:30 PM
D62	TYPES, GENOTYPES, AND PHENOTYPES: THE THREE "T's" OF THORACIC ONCOLOGY	9:15 AM	3:30 PM
D63	DETECTION AND DIAGNOSIS: THE TWO "D's" OF THORACIC ONCOLOGY	9:15 AM	3:30 PM
<b>ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO THORACIC ONCOLOGY ASSEMBLY</b>			
<b>Postgraduate Courses</b>			
<b>Friday, May 18, 2018</b>			
PG7	PLEURAL DISEASE 2018: EVIDENCE BASED BEST PRACTICE IN INVESTIGATIONS AND MANAGEMENT	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Saturday, May 19, 2018</b>			
PG16	BRONCH DAY: A COMPREHENSIVE, HANDS-ON GUIDE TO BASIC BRONCHOSCOPY AND EBUS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG20	THORACIC IMAGING FOR THE PULMONOLOGIST AND CRITICAL CARE PHYSICIAN: A CASE-BASED REVIEW	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 20, 2018</b>			
A13	ATS/ALA IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE FOR LUNG CANCER SCREENING: AN OPERATIONAL TOOLKIT	9:15AM	11:15 AM
<b>Monday, May 21, 2018</b>			
B90	RAPID MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS FOR PNEUMONIA: IS SPEED THE ONLY THING?	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
<b>Wednesday, May 23, 2018</b>			
D7	FROM CANCER BIOLOGY TO NEW THERAPEUTICS: TARGETING CELL PROLIFERATION SIGNALING HUBS IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AND FIBROSIS	9:15AM	11:15 AM
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
D87	TO EACH ITS OWN: SINGLE CELL MRNA SEQUENCING IN LUNG DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Workshop Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 20, 2018</b>			
WS2	BRONCHOSCOPIC CRYOBIOPSY IN INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: EVIDENCE AND TECHNIQUE	11:45 AM	1:15 PM

# WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Katrina Steiling, MD, MSc, Web Director

We have had several exciting developments for the Thoracic Oncology Assembly Website this year and have developed a significant amount of dynamic content in the form of webinars and podcasts.

We have continue to host high-impact Journal Club webinars featuring state-of-the-art content. We discussed the NEJM article “Tracking the Evolution of Nonsmall Cell Lung Cancer” together with two of the manuscript’s authors and other panelists with expertise both in the clinical care of patients with lung cancer and sequencing analysis of lung tumor tissue. In March, we will be discussing the article “Transbronchial Cryobiopsies for the Diagnosis of Diffuse Parenchymal Lung Diseases: Expert Statement from the Cryobiopsy Working Group on Safety and Utility and a Call for Standardization of the Procedure.” This timely presentation and lively discussion will be led by the TOA Interventional Pulmonary Working Group, and discussants will include international experts in this area. Recordings of these webinar journal clubs can be accessed here: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/thoracic-oncology/journal-club/>

In podcast format, we have released a conversation with Dr. Douglas Lowy, the Acting Director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). In this podcast, TOA Programming Committee Chair Chris Slatore interviews Dr. Lowy about the role of the NCI in supporting cancer research, the Cancer Moonshot Initiative, and the NCI’s support of young investigators and investigator-initiated research. This podcast is available as part of the ATS podcast series “Breathe Easy,” or can be downloaded here: <https://www.thoracic.org/about/ats-podcasts/nci-role-in-supporting-lung-cancer-research.php>

The Web Committee is collaborating with the Early Career Working Group to provide opportunities for members in training and early career members to become more active in the Thoracic Oncology Assembly and the American Thoracic Society. Reach out to us if you are interested in getting more involved, or if you have ideas about potential articles for discussion or topics for future podcasts.

The Assembly Website has been significantly updated to include additional information and resources that we hope are helpful to members.

- A new section to highlight the missions and activities of the Thoracic Oncology Assembly’s Working Groups, including the Early Career Working Group and Interventional Pulmonary Working Group. The contact information for the working group co-chairs are available for those interested in becoming a part of those working groups.
- A new section to highlight recipients of the Thoracic Oncology Assembly’s annual awards, including the Early Career Achievement Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Abstract Scholarship Award.
- An updated list of the roles Thoracic Oncology Assembly members serve on other American Thoracic Society Committees.
- The homepage now highlights the Mentoring Program available through the Thoracic Oncology Assembly. If you are interested in serving as a mentor or a mentee, please visit the page: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/thoracic-oncology/mentoring-program/index.php>
- Regular updates to the “What’s New” and “Featured” sections of the assembly homepage to highlight unique content from our Thoracic Oncology Assembly members. We encourage TOA members to contact us if there is content that you would like highlighted or featured.
- An updated list of contributions by Thoracic Oncology Assembly members to official ATS statements and guidelines, and other ATS podcasts. Please let us know if you are involved in an official ATS statement, guideline, or podcast so that we can add it to the Assembly webpage and highlight your contribution.

The mission of the Thoracic Oncology Assembly Web Committee is to provide active, engaging, educational, and collaborative content to our members. We are always excited to receive feedback about this content to make sure that it is working for you. If you have suggestions, questions, or are interested in joining the web committee, please contact us at [toa@thoracic.org](mailto:toa@thoracic.org).



# INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY WORKING GROUP REPORT

Momen Wahidi , MD & Lonny Yarmus , MD , Co-Chairs

The **Interventional Pulmonology (IP) Working Group** is continuing to explore activities that would engage ATS members with interest in interventional pulmonology and foster collaboration around clinical care and research in interventional pulmonology and thoracic oncology.

The IP working group worked on a statement paper titled “Immunophenotyping of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Utility of Specimens from Pulmonary Procedures”. This was led by Dr. Daniel Sterman and has been submitted for publication in the Blue Journal.

We continue to schedule webinars around topics of interest to our members; our latest webinar was a journal club on March 13th which discussed the article "Transbronchial Cryobiopsies for the Diagnosis of Diffuse Parenchymal Lung Diseases: Expert Statement from the Cryobiopsy Working Group on Safety and Utility and a Call for Standardization of the Procedure." published in Respiration. 2018 Jan 9. doi: 10.1159/000484055. This activity was co-sponsored by the Assembly on Thoracic Oncology and the Assembly on Clinical Problems.

Our IP working group will be meeting at the ATS Annual Meeting in San Diego to discuss future activities and projects. If you have any suggestions, please contact the co-chairs of the Interventional Pulmonology Group: Momen Wahidi, MD, MBA ([momen.wahidi@duke.edu](mailto:momen.wahidi@duke.edu)) Lonny Yarmus, DO ([lyarmus@jhmi.edu](mailto:lyarmus@jhmi.edu))

# EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Nichole T. Tanner, MD, MSCR & Mark M. Fuster, MD , Co-Chairs

We have been maintaining and improving the Early Career Professional Working Group activities of the TOA through a variety of functions. A major function is in facilitating the career development of new and growing members through networking and mentorship opportunities. We created and upgraded an electronic dialogue process to optimally match Faculty/Senior Mentors with Mentees in the program that times with the ATS International Conference. In post-program surveys, we found that our program last year received very positive feedback, with improvements in the matching process and efficiency for participants in comparison to the year prior. We have responded to challenges in optimizing connecting on career, scientific, and translational factors that are most important to participants. We had refined our Mission statement centered on both growth of the TOA membership linked to creation of a supportive environment for our next generation of pulmonary/critical care and related-specialty trainees, physicians, investigators, and clinician-scientists. We are also working to build educational activities through growth of educational resources/ webinar-podcasts; and have also expanded our approaches to disseminate TOA invitation and membership through Program Directors and assistance by helpful Assembly staff. We look forward to continued growth of this valuable program.

For questions or suggestions, please contact Mark ([mfuster@ucsd.edu](mailto:mfuster@ucsd.edu)) or Nichole ([tripici@musc.edu](mailto:tripici@musc.edu))

## *Assembly on Thoracic Oncology Membership Meeting*

*Monday, May 21st*

*4:30pm-7:00pm*

*Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego*

*Seaport Ballroom D*

*Second Level - Seaport Tower*



Be sure to follow us at [@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 Philippe R. Montgrain, MD at [pmontgrain@ucsd.edu](mailto:pmontgrain@ucsd.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.



## 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  
May 20-22, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

## 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!

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