

2011 ATS INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM (IDT)

International Conference Guide



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THE IDT WORKING GROUP INVITES YOU TO:

IDT RECEPTION

3:00 – 4:00pm

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Clinicians Center

Colorado Convention Center Exhibit Hall (Upper Level)

Come meet and socialize with your colleagues at a reception specifically for the interdisciplinary team! Meet and provide feedback to clinician leaders, as well as the members of the IDT Working Group. Free cocktails and hors d'oeuvres!

Dear IDT Professional:

Welcome to ATS 2011 • DENVER, the International Conference of the American Thoracic Society (ATS). The ATS meeting is one of the world's largest gatherings of professionals in the fields of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. This year, for the first time, we have created an IDT Conference Guide for interdisciplinary team professionals. This new publication recognizes the fact that the conference includes individuals from an increasingly wide variety of professional backgrounds.

The purpose of this guide is to highlight conference sessions that may be of particular interest to members of the interdisciplinary team. For each day, we have selected a variety of symposia and review sessions for IDT professionals. Our intention in making these choices is not to devalue other sessions, but merely to suggest a variety of options in a concise fashion to help you maximize your experience. We recommend that you also search through the entire International Conference program for research symposia and poster sessions related to your specific research or clinical interests.

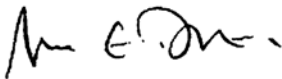
As an IDT professional, there are many ways to get involved with the ATS. One of the best ways is through the 13 specialty-specific ATS assemblies. In addition to the assemblies, there are a number of committees and taskforces that offer clinicians and scientists the opportunity to advocate for improved healthcare for patients and increased funding for research.

If you are interested in getting more involved, please don't hesitate to contact us through Lauren Lynch, associate director of ATS educational products, and staff to the newly formed IDT Working Group. You can e-mail her at llynch@thoracic.org or call her at (212) 315-8698.

Once more, welcome to ATS 2011 • Denver!

We hope you have an exciting and informative experience.

Sincerely,



Anne Dixon, MD, BM, BCH
Chair, ATS Membership Committee
Member of the ATS IDT Working Group

Who is an IDT Professional?

An IDT professional is a nurse, physician assistant, respiratory therapist, physical therapist, research coordinator or allied healthcare professional who works in the fields of pulmonary, critical care or sleep.



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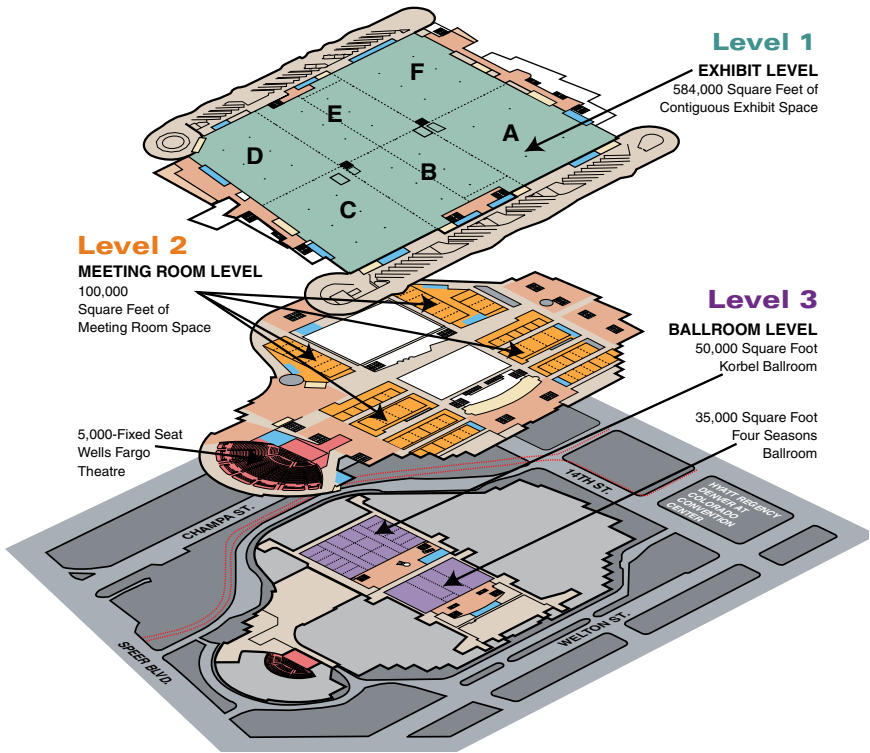
The PFT Improvement Series is supported by a generous educational grant from Pfizer, Inc.

SOCIAL MEDIA TOOL FOR THE CONFERENCE

The ATS is offering a social networking tool for 2011

conference attendees: My ATS 2011. Powered through Zerista, My ATS 2011 enables attendees to see who is attending the conference, know when attendees are presenting at the conference, use attendee-to-attendee chat to set up meetings, and participate in conference-wide conversations about the conference. You may also build your own personal calendar of sessions through My ATS 2011.







Clinicians Center

SUNDAY, MAY 15 – TUESDAY, MAY 17, 7:00 AM-4:00 PM
HALL B (UPPER LEVEL) COLORADO CONVENTION CENTER

Also Accessible Through The Exhibit Hall During Exhibit Hours.

The Clinicians Center is an area designed to enhance the International Conference experience for pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine practitioners as well as IDT professionals..

Highlights of the 2011 Clinician's Center include:

- Clinical and PAR Experts speaking on a vast array of respiratory disease topics
- Hands-on workshop demos on Therapeutic Hypothermia and Ultrasound Techniques presented during the 12 pm lunchtime slots
- IDT Reception on Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 pm for nurses, physical therapists, respiratory therapists, physician assistants, clinical research coordinators and other allied health care professionals
- Resources for clinicians including *Clinical Year in Review books; Clinicians Handbook; Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) Conference Guide*
- Display honoring the 2011 ATS Outstanding Clinician Awardee
- Information on ATS Advocacy Efforts
- Free computer internet access

To view the Final Clinicians Center schedule, please visit: www.thoracic.org/go/clinicians-center

New for Clinicians! Scientific Symposium

**B91: The Practice of Medicine:
Insights and Updates**
Monday, May 16, 2011
Room 301-302-303 (Street Level),
Colorado Convention Center
2:00 pm-4:30 pm

This session is targeted at the practicing physician (particularly those in practice less than 5 years, residents, fellows and healthcare office workers) and will address:

- Updates on Billing and Coding for Pulmonary and Critical Care
- Updates on Billing and Coding for Sleep Medicine
- Successful Evaluation Of Technology and ROI
- eICU: Workforce leveraging using tele-ICU tools; MR and Meaningful Use
- Legislative Updates For Clinicians
- RUC/CPT Process: How you can get involved

The Clinical Problems Assembly and the Clinician Advisory Committee programmed this symposium

SOCIAL HOUR DAILY

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BEST OF ATS CONFERENCE

As an attendee of the ATS 2011 International Conference, you are entitled to one-year's free access to the "Best of ATS" educational products.

The (non-fee) sessions listed in the IDT Conference Guide are available for download in various formats.

Please search for the IDT Conference Guide packet on the "Best of ATS" Web site at <https://cms.psav.com/library/ats>.



Associate Members Can Join the ATS for \$200!

The ATS recently reclassified its membership categories and dues structure so that membership is less reflective of credentials and more reflective of a desire to become involved in the Society's activities. As an IDT professional, the ATS would like to invite you to join as an associate member at a reduced rate of \$200 per year.

For more information on becoming a member, including the benefits of membership, please visit <http://thoracic.org/membership/join-the-ats.php>.

IDT CONFERENCE GUIDE SESSION PAGES

SATURDAY MAY 14

Afternoon

(G1) Opening Ceremony

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wells Fargo Theatre Section 2, Street Level, Convention Center

This year's Opening Ceremony will feature keynote speaker Peter Hackett, MD, an internationally recognized expert in altitude medicine. In 1981, Dr. Hackett, who is also a mountain climber, became the first person to climb alone from Mt. Everest's high camp to its summit and survive.

ATS Research Dinner

7:00pm

Location: Hyatt Regency Denver

The ATS Foundation's Third Annual Research Program Dinner will be on May 14, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency Denver. The dinner is an international celebration honoring Louis S. Libby, MD, the 2011 recipient of the ATS Foundation's Breathing for Life Award. The dinner also pays tribute to the stellar achievements of the Colorado Pulmonary Community. Underwriter level of support from Merck.

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

MORNING

(A1) Clinical Year in Review I

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Wells Fargo Theatre, Section 2

Discusses important papers and advances over the last 12 months. Topics include interstitial lung disease, occupational lung disease, education of residents and fellows and pediatrics.

(A7) Patient Comfort During Mechanical Ventilation

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Room 301-302-303 (Street Level)

Identifies factors that contribute to patient discomfort and the downstream consequences of this, as well as strategies to mitigate discomfort.

(A9) The Science and Disseminating and Implementing Interventions: Efficacy Versus Effectiveness Research

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Room 108-110-112 (Street Level)

Presents a framework for evaluating clinical studies in the context of efficacy, effectiveness and comparative effectiveness research and discuss practical implementation of research findings.

LUNCH

Women's Forum

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(ES) Silverton Ballroom Salon 1-2-3 (Second Floor)

This annual forum highlights the advancement of women in the field of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine and features the recognition of the 2011 Elizabeth A Rich award to Serpil Erzurum, MD. This year, the forum will feature a special presentation from Barbara O'Brien, PhD, the former Lieutenant Governor of the State of Colorado. *The Womens Forum is supported by an educational grant from Merck.*

(L1) National Institute of Nursing Research: Funding Opportunities and Priorities

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 301-302-303 (Street Level)

Discusses funding opportunities available for pulmonary and critical care science through the NINR, as well as identify priority areas for research.

(L2) COPD Outcomes-Based Network for Clinical Effectiveness and Research Translation

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 505-506-507 (Street Level)

Provides an update on the development of a national research infrastructure for comparative effectiveness research in COPD.

AFTERNOON

(A81) Pediatric Year in Review

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 201-203 (Street Level)

Provides an update on clinical and research advances in cystic fibrosis, infantile wheeze, pneumonia and bronchiectasis in children. Supported by an educational grant from Gilead Sciences Medical Affairs.

(A84) How Are We Using Mechanical Ventilation? A New Approach

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(CC) Korbelt Ballroom 2B-3B-2C-3C (Lower Level)

Provides up-to-date information on how-to implement mechanical ventilation, assist critically-ill patients and understand the potential limitations of mechanical ventilation.

(A85) Translating Self-Management in COPD Practice

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 301-302-303 (Street Level)

Describes a number of novel modalities currently under development, or in use in chronic disease management and will explain their potential beneficial effects in COPD. *This session and the International Conference are supported by educational grants from AstraZeneca, LP; Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Forest Laboratories, Inc. The grants have no influence on the content, quality and science integrity of this CME activity, which is developed by the American Thoracic Society. All CME sessions are free of the control of commercial interests.*



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FEE SESSIONS

(MP 414) Pulmonary Rehabilitation for Patients with Acute Exacerbations of COPD

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(HR) Mineral Hall G (Third Level)

Although space is limited, this provides a great opportunity to interact with experts in specific fields in small group settings. Registration fee: \$70.00 (includes box lunch).

MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011

MORNING

(B1) Clinical Year in Review 2

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Wells Fargo Theatre Section 2 (Street Level)

Discusses lung cancer, sleep apnea, interventional pulmonary/pleural disease and cystic fibrosis.

(B4) The Intensity of Intensive Care: Is More Better?

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Korbel Ballroom 2B-3B-2C-3C (Lower Level)

Explores the pros and cons of intensity of treatment, admissions and technologic interventions in the ICU.

(B6) Dyspnea Crisis: State of the Science for Palliative Management

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Room 505-506-507 (Street Level)

Defines crises dyspnea and identifies key aspects and current evidence of the state of science.

(B11) Racial Disparities in Pulmonary and Critical Care

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Centennial Ballroom A-B-C (Third Level)

Examines racial disparities, social and genetic factors contributing to these disparities and how we can improve outcomes.

LUNCH

Diversity Forum

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(EH) Silverton Ballroom Salon 1-2-3 (Second Floor)

This annual forum focuses on the career development of minorities and includes the presentation of the tenth annual Minority Trainee Travel Awards (MTTAs). This year, the forum will feature a special presentation from Estelle Gauda, MD, who has been instrumental in shaping the Diversity Forum and the MTTA program. *The Diversity Forum and the MTTA program are supported by educational grants from Merck.*

AFTERNOON

(B81) Nursing Year in Review

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 108-110-112 (Street Level)

Highlights comparative effectiveness research, health literacy and QA/QI data in research related to nursing.

(B88) Right Ventricular Dysfunction: The Other Heart Failure

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 201-203 (Street Level)

Reviews the clinical implications and management of right ventricular heart failure.

This session and the International Conference are supported by educational grants from Actelion Pharmaceuticals US, Inc., Gilead Sciences Medical Affairs, and United Therapeutics.

(B89) Obesity: Implications for the Clinical Practice of the Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Physician

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(HR) Centennial Ballroom D (Third Level)

Addresses potential mechanisms by which obesity contributes to respiratory compromise, approaches to minimize complications and weight loss strategies.

FEE SESSIONS

(SSI15) Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Science and Practice

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

(HR) Capitol Ballroom I (Fourth Level)

E.P. Riesenfeld, MD, Burlington, VT

Registration fee: \$65.00 (includes continental breakfast). Because space is limited, pre-registration is required and attendees will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

(MP502) Mastering Tobacco Dependence Treatment: From Infancy to Old Age

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(HR) Agate C (Third Level)

D.P.L. Sachs, MD, Palo Alto, CA

H.J. Farber, MD, MSPH, Houston, TX

Registration fee: \$70.00 (includes box lunch). Because attendance is limited, pre-registration is required and attendees will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011

MORNING

(C1) Clinical Year in Review 3

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Wells Fargo Theatre Section 2 (Street Level)

Highlights topics on patients with diverse lung diseases.

(C4) Preventing and Treating “The Dwindles” of Chronic Critical Illness

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Korbelt Ballroom 2B-3B-2C-3C (Lower Level)

Identifies new findings related to prognosis and healthcare organization for the chronically critically ill.

(C7) Charting the Future of Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Cutting-Edge Debates

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(HR) Centennial Ballroom A-B-C (Third Level)

Discusses the quality of pulmonary rehabilitation programs based on the credentials of the staff.

LUNCH



(G004) ATS President Lecture/Member Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(CC) Wells Fargo Theatre Section 2 (Street Level)

The membership meeting focuses on the current state of the Society and the incoming President's plan for the future.

AFTERNOON

(C84) The Consequences of Five Important Papers: From the Author (and the Editor)

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(CC) Korbelt Ballroom 2B-3B-2C-3C (Lower Level)

Discusses the importance of expert insight in the appraisal of five important papers.

(C85) Mechanism and Advances in Therapy of COPD

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(CC) Wells Fargo Theatre Section 1 (Street Level)

Reviews the recent advances in disease mechanisms and their relation with COPD phenotypes and potential diagnostic and therapeutic targets for COPD. *This session and the International Conference are supported by educational grants from AstraZeneca, LP, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; and Forest Laboratories, Inc. The grants have no influence on the content, quality and scientific integrity of this CME activity, which is developed by the American Thoracic Society. All CME sessions are free of the control of commercial interests.*

FEE SESSIONS

(SS212) Postoperative Pulmonary Rehabilitation in Lung Cancer Patients

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

(HR) Mineral Hall E (Third Level)

M.A. Spruit, PhD, Horn, Netherlands

Registration fee: \$65.00 (includes continental breakfast). Because space is limited, pre-registration is required and attendees will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

(MP615) COPD: Staging and Management

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(HR) Capitol Ballroom I (Fourth Level)

N.R. MacIntyre, MD, Durham, NC

Registration fee: \$70.00 (includes boxed lunch.) Because space is limited, pre-registration is required and attendees will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011**MORNING**

(D1) Clinical Year in Review 4

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Wells Fargo Theatre Section 2 (Street Level)

Current literature reviews on asthma, COPD, host-microbe interactions in airways disease, and pulmonary vascular disease.

(D4) Long Term Outcomes after the Intensive Care Unit

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Korbel Ballroom 2B-3B-2C-3C (Lower Level)

Focus on tool and methods for long-term outcomes evaluation of specific ICU populations.

(D12) Understanding and Identifying Non-Adherence to Better Treat Asthma, COPD and Obstructive Sleep Apnea

8:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

(CC) Room 102-104-106 (Street Level)

Identify causes and types of non-adherence and strategies to improve rates of non-adherence.

LUNCH

(L16) Update from CDC's TB Consortium (TBTC) and TB Epidemiologic Studies Consortium (TBESC)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 605-607 (Street Level)

Current guidelines for identification and treatment of LTBI.

(L23) Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Network (IPFNET) Update: New Insights into Treatment and Potential New Targets

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 205-207 (Street Level)

Updates on new treatments for IPF.

AFTERNOON

(D82) The Implications of U.S. Healthcare Reform from Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(CC) Four Seasons Ballroom 1-2 (Lower Level)

Review of how U.S. healthcare reform will impact the fields of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine, including pay-for-performance programs, patient-centered medical homes and evidence-based treatment approaches to care.

(D88) The Importance of Communication in Creating Partnerships for Patient Centered Care

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(CC) Room 108-110-112 (Street Level)

Review of communication strategies to improve patient and family outcomes and how to teach communication skills to clinicians.

(D89) Integrated Care in Interstitial Lung Disease: A Focus on Comprehensive Management

(CC) Room 605-607 (Street Level)

Review of the new ATS/ERS IPF guidelines and multi-disciplinary approach to management of ILD.

FREE SESSIONS

(SS316) Obesity and Asthma: Epidemiology, Potential Mechanisms and Therapeutic Strategies

7:00 am – 8:00am

(HR) Capitol Ballroom 2 (Fourth Level)

R.A. Johnston, PhD, Houston, TX

Registration fee: \$65.00 (includes continental breakfast). Because space is limited, pre-registration is required and attendees will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

(SS305) Pulmonary Hypertensions: Evaluation and Management

7:00 am – 8:00am

(HR) Granite C (Third Level)

Registration fee: \$65.00 (includes continental breakfast). Because space is limited, pre-registration is required and attendees will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHAT ARE ASSEMBLIES?

Assemblies are the heart of the ATS. Among other activities, the Society's 13 assemblies are responsible for driving the programming and content of the annual International Conference. Every ATS member can belong to one "primary" and up to two "secondary" assemblies. One of the easiest ways to get involved is to attend the annual meeting of the assembly or assemblies that you feel best fit your clinical and research interests. We strongly encourage you to attend an annual meeting, as it will give you the chance to meet the assembly chair in-person. If you are interested in becoming involved, but find you cannot attend, you can also contact assembly leaders by e-mail after the conference.



For more information about the ATS, visit the How Do I... Frequently Asked Questions web site at www.thoracic.org/assemblies/faq.php.

SUNDAY ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

ATS Assembly Meetings will be held in the Sheraton, Embassy Suites and Hyatt Regency. Please refer to the Final Program for exact rooming locations.

The ATS Assembly Business Meetings are open to all ATS members and other interested individuals. Items to be discussed include current and future projects.

A Behavioral Science (BSA)

Focuses on behavioral, psychological and social factors that affect lung health, disease and critical illness

Chair: Lynn B. Gerald, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/bs/index.html

A Pediatrics (PEDS)

Focuses on understanding and improving the respiratory health of infants, children and adolescents.

Chair: Thomas W. Ferkol, MD

Incoming Chair: Howard B. Panitch, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ts/assemblies/peds/index.html

MONDAY ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETINGS

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A Allergy, Immunology & Inflammation (AII)

Focuses on research and clinical aspects of asthma, immunologic mechanism of lung disease, pulmonary fibrosis and acute lung injury.

Chair: Serpil C. Erzurum, MD

Incoming Chair: Jeffrey L. Curtis, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/aai/index.html

A Clinical Problems (CP)

Provides a forum for clinicians who are primary involved in patient care and education. Disease processes include chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, fibrotic disorders and sarcoidosis.

Chair: Kevin K. Brown, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/cp/index.html

A Critical Care (CC)

Focuses on clinical, educational and research projects in the field of critical care.

Chair: Jesse B. Hall, MD

Incoming Chair: Gordon Rubinfeld, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/cc/index.html

A Environmental & Occupational Health (EOH)

Focuses on efforts to reduce the burden of illness from environment and occupational exposures.

Chair: Mark D. Eisner, MD

Incoming Chair: Paul K. Henneberger, MPH, ScD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/eoh/index.html

A Microbiology, Tuberculosis & Pulmonary Infections (MTPI)

Focuses on all aspects of pulmonary infections diseases and host defenses.

Chair: Laurence Huang, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/mtpi/index.html

A Nursing (NUR)

Focuses on nursing efforts in diverse fields of interest, ranging from management of chronic diseases to quality of care—but always with a focus on advancing respiratory health.

Chair: Lisa Cicutto, PhD, RN

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/nur/index.html

A Pulmonary Circulation (PC)

Focuses on research related to all aspects of the pulmonary circulation, including the development of new treatments for pulmonary vascular disease.

Chair: Mark N. Gillespie, PhD

Incoming Chair: Paul M. Hassoun, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/pc/index.html

A Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR)

Focuses on all components of pulmonary rehabilitation, including exercise training, patient education and psychosocial treatment and support of clients and their families.

Chair: Suzanne C. Lareau, RN, MS

Incoming Chair: Ricard L. ZuWallack, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/pr/index.html

A Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology (RCMB)

Focuses on the scientific underpinnings of lung disease and the basic and translational research aimed at identifying new therapies.

Chair: Lynn M. Schnapp, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ts/assemblies/rcmb/index.html

A Respiratory Structure & Function (RSF)

Focuses on clinical and research questions related to lung disease, with an emphasis on cellular and molecular techniques, as well as human and animal studies. There is a particular interest in the integrated behavior of the respiratory system.

Chair: Andrew J. Halayko, PhD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/rsf/index.html

A Sleep & Respiratory Neurobiology (SRN)

Focuses on clinical and research questions in sleep apnea, other forms of sleep-disordered breathing and hypoventilation, respiratory sensation and the control of breathing during wakefulness and sleep.

Chair: Atul Malhotra, MD

Incoming Chair: James A. Rowley, MD

Web site: www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/srn/index.html

How does the ATS work?

The ATS is a member-driven organization, meaning that all decisions are effectively made by members. The day-to-day function of the ATS relies on a dedicated staff of more than 70 employees, who work in offices in New York and Washington, DC. The Society's leadership is represented by an Executive Committee comprised of the executive director and five elected officer positions:

- President
- President-Elect
- Immediate-Past President
- Vice-President
- Secretary-Treasurer

Leadership is a five-year commitment, during which an individual starts as Secretary-Treasurer and advances annually through the ranks to President (and then Immediate-Past President). Each year, the Society's Nominating Committee selects two candidates from solicited nominations and then the membership casts a vote for who will become the next Secretary-Treasurer. The election results are announced at the ATS International Conference each May.

What is an ATS Committee?

Committees are appointed groups that shape and carry out the ATS's many initiatives. The Society's president-elect appoints new committee members in the months preceding each International Conference.

What is the Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR)?

In February 2001, former ATS president William J. Martin, II, M.D., founded ATS PAR, the arm of the ATS that incorporates patient and family perspectives into the Society's

activities. Today, ATS PAR comprises 15 member organizations that represent patients affected by respiratory diseases, critical illnesses and sleep-related conditions. The group collaborates with the ATS to advance their shared educational, research, patient care and advocacy missions.

Where can I go for more information?

The best place to get more information is at the ATS Web site at www.thoracic.org or contact the ATS Concierge's Department at membership@thoracic.org or (212) 315-8684.

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK!

This is a new project and we would love your feedback of the usefulness of the IDT Road Map. We would be grateful if you could complete a brief survey to tell us what you think: <http://www.thoracic.org/go/idt-survey>.

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