

# Preview

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 **ATS 2026**  
International Conference  
MAY 15-20 | ORLANDO, FL

Come for the **Science.**

Stay for the **Magic.**



**Opening Speaker, Robert Wachter, MD,** author of *A Giant Leap: How AI Is Transforming Healthcare and What That Means for Our Future*, shares his vision of respiratory medicine in light of the AI revolution.



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 **ATS 2026**

**International Conference**

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The **American Thoracic Society International Conference** is the home of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep professionals, from those in the earliest stages of their careers to seasoned professionals.

Each year, 14,000 of these professionals from more than 100 countries choose to attend, present, and learn about the latest advances, meet with colleagues from around the world, and strike new collaborations. It is truly where scientific discovery and standards of care evolve.

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# Opening Ceremony: How AI is Transforming Health Care

ATS 2026 will welcome **Robert M. Wachter, MD**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, as this year's Opening Ceremony speaker. A nationally recognized leader in hospital medicine and health system innovation, Dr. Wachter will share timely insights from his new book, *A Giant Leap: How AI is Transforming Healthcare and What That Means for Our Future*, **Saturday, May 16**.

ATS thanks **Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.** for their generous support of the ATS 2026 Opening Ceremony.



Robert M. Wachter, MD

## Keynote Speaker Series

On **Sunday, May 17**, attendees will hear from **Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH**, on rebuilding trust in public health, followed by **Stephen I. Vladeck, JD**, on **Monday, May 18**, who will discuss how courts and legal frameworks influence public health, medical research, and clinical practice. On **Tuesday, May 19**, we will hear from **Laurah Turner, PhD**, on the opportunities and challenges of using AI in medical education.

## Advocacy in Action

Orlando is where science stands up to power in a candid new series of ATS advocacy seminars highlighting the behind-the-scenes legislative, regulatory, and courtroom advocacy driving change for respiratory health.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PAR

Celebrate 25 years of impact with us at the Public Advisory Roundtable's 25th Anniversary commemoration! Since its inception, PAR has bridged the gap between scientific innovation and the patient experience, ensuring those living with respiratory disease remain at the heart of every discovery.

ATS thanks **Genentech, Insmad Incorporated, and United Therapeutics** for their generous support of the ATS 2026 Patients & Experts Forum.



**ATS 2026  
Features Over  
80 Phase 2 and 3  
Clinical Trials**

**The International Conference returns this year with renewed energy, bold ideas, and a clear vision for the future of respiratory health.**

# Plenary Session: **After Shock, The Redemptive Power of Hope**



Rana Awdish, MD

Attendees will hear from **Rana Awdish, MD**, Medical Director of Care Experience, Henry Ford Health, and bestselling author of “In Shock.” In a presentation drawing on the evocative power of art as well as her own experience, Dr. Awdish will illustrate how we can reclaim the power that resides in our attention, relationships, and willingness to stay present with suffering long enough for it to transform into something truly healing, **Tuesday, May 19**.

ATS thanks **GSK** for their generous support of the ATS 2026 Plenary Session.

## Exhibit Hall

The hub of innovation and connection at the International Conference returns, featuring emerging technologies, hands-on demonstrations, and opportunities to unwind – all in one dynamic space. Special areas – including the ATS Bark Park, Headshot Studio and Fun Zone – serve as dedicated spaces for connection and creativity, while exhibitor listings and market categories make it easy to navigate the hall and connect with the organizations and innovations most relevant to you.

ATS thanks **United Therapeutics** for their generous support of the ATS 2026 Bark Park and Headshot Studio. ATS thanks **Insméd Incorporated** for their generous support of the ATS 2026 Fun Zone.



Key highlights include pivotal antifibrotic studies in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and progressive fibrotic lung disease, landmark Phase 3 data in non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis, late-stage biologic advances in asthma and COPD, new pharmacologic developments in obstructive sleep apnea, and updated evidence for managing critically ill patients.

**ATS 2026 is where scientific discovery advances and standards of care evolve.**

**Check out what's new at the world's most important respiratory medicine conference – ATS 2026 Orlando!**

# Come for the

ATS 2026 is where discovery advances and standards of care evolve.

## Signature Scientific Experiences

**Scientific Symposia:** The backbone of the program, these sessions delve into cutting-edge topics across basic science core, clinical topics in pulmonary medicine, and critical care tracks, offering the latest evidence, mechanistic insights, and clinical strategies.

**Abstract Sessions:** Featuring mini symposia, poster discussions, and abstract poster sessions, these interactive formats spotlight new research from around the world and allow dynamic engagement with presenting authors.

**Core Curriculum Courses:** Structured content in adult, pediatric, and sleep medicine equips attendees with essential knowledge and practical guidance for clinical excellence.



## Standout Programming & Professional Growth

**Full-Day and Half-Day Postgraduate Courses:** Postgraduate courses offer an in-depth overview of the latest guidelines and clinical practices. Designed for audiences from a variety of backgrounds, these courses include hands-on, skills-based learning and didactic, lecture-based sessions led by experts across the field.

**Meet-the-Expert Seminars:** Meet-the-Expert Seminars are informal, one-hour morning sessions that provide a unique platform for direct interaction with recognized leaders in specific fields. Join expert researchers, clinicians, procedural and technology specialists, and emerging academics for timely discussions across a wide range of topics and take the opportunity to ask questions and connect in a small-group setting.

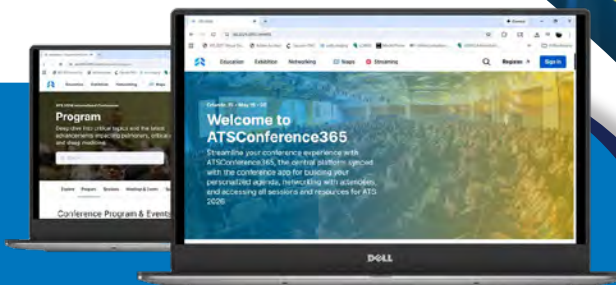
# Science.

**Early Career Professional Programs:** Tailored learning experiences such as the Resident Boot Camp, Fellows Track Symposium, New Faculty Boot Camp, and Student Scholars Program support the next generation of leaders in the field.

**Respiratory Innovation Summit:** This is a high-impact forum uniting the innovators, investors, clinicians, and advocacy groups that are creating powerful new treatments for deadly and crippling diseases of the lungs and airways. This meeting historically attracts 400-plus global leaders representing all facets of the respiratory industry, including representatives from start-ups, business development, venture capital, government, academia, and clinical medicine.

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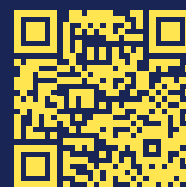
## Introducing ATSConference365



Launching alongside registration is **ATSConference365**, the official interactive program and central hub of ATS 2026 Orlando. Dive into all that the conference has to offer:

- Browse all conference education programs, meetings, and events.
- Build a personalized agenda (once registered).
- Access the exhibitor directory.
- Join livestreamed sessions directly through the platform

**Access it now!**



## ATS NOW

Your **ATS 2026 registration grants you complimentary access to ATS NOW**, our new on-demand video learning platform that brings International Conference highlights and ATS educational resources to you anytime, anywhere. As part of this launch-year benefit, you will receive access to an AI-curated recommendation of recorded sessions, key presentations from the 2026 conference, and additional ATS learning content **at no added cost through Dec. 31, 2026.**

*“ATS NOW is like Netflix for pulmonologists!”*



Tailored education—  
anytime, anywhere



- Raed Dweik, MD, MBA, ATSF  
ATS President

## Introducing the ATS 2026 AI Lab Exposition

Artificial intelligence is transforming our daily lives and changing the way we work at breakneck speed.

ATS 2026 is bringing AI education to attendees with the ATS AI Lab developed by the new ATS AI Task Force.

The AI Lab is a dedicated innovation showcase inside the Exhibit Hall, created as part of ATS's multi-year commitment to digital transformation across our programs, member experience, and the broader pulmonary, critical care, and sleep community.

Get ready for curated sessions led by the ATS AI Task Force, hands-on learning and interactions with industry leaders.

**Register now to experience the ATS AI Lab!**



**Come for the Science.**



# Magic.

## Stay for the

As the host city for ATS 2026, Orlando pairs world-class conference facilities with energy and creativity that mirror the innovation on display throughout the International Conference.

Known worldwide for its iconic attractions, the city surprises visitors with vibrant neighborhoods, a dynamic dining scene, outdoor escapes, and year-round sunshine. Combine work and play by adding an evening outing, or plan for a pre- or post-conference stay. Orlando makes it easy to turn free time into memorable moments!

### Explore Orlando Highlights

**World-Famous Theme Parks:** Experience legendary parks offering immersive storytelling, high-energy thrills, and unforgettable entertainment.

**Vibrant Neighborhoods:** Explore walkable districts filled with local restaurants, craft cocktails, live music, and independent shops.

**Arts & Culture:** Discover the museums, performing arts venues, and cultural spaces showcasing Orlando's creative side.

**Shopping & Nightlife:** From outlet shopping to rooftop lounges and late-night entertainment, there's no shortage of ways to unwind.

**Dining for Every Taste:** From chef-driven cuisine to global flavors and casual favorites, Orlando's food scene delivers far beyond expectations.

**Outdoor Adventures:** Enjoy warm weather year-round with nearby lakes, gardens, walking trails, and natural springs just beyond the city..



## Pre-Conference May 15-16 Education Programs & Events

8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

[Postgraduate Courses](#)

12 noon - 8:30 p.m.

[Respiratory Innovation Summit](#)

*All Day Early Career Programs*

[Fellows Track Symposium \(FTS\)](#)  
[New Faculty Boot Camp \(NFBC\)](#)  
[Resident Boot Camp \(RBC\)](#)  
[Student Scholars Program \(SSP\)](#)

## International Conference May 17-19 Education Programs & Events

8 - 8:45 a.m.

**Keynote Series**

9:15 - 10:45  
a.m.

[Scientific Symposia](#)  
(including: [Basic Science Core](#), [Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine](#), [Clinical Year in Review](#), [Critical Care Track](#))

9:15 - 11:15  
a.m.

**Abstract Sessions:**  
[Mini Symposia](#)  
[Poster Discussion Sessions](#)  
[RAPiD: Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions](#)

9:15 - 4:15 p.m.

**Abstract Session:**  
[Thematic Poster Sessions](#)

10:30 a.m. -  
3:30 p.m.

[Exhibit Hall](#)

10:45 - 11:45  
a.m.

[Medical Education Seminar](#)  
[Meet the Expert Seminar](#)

12 -1 p.m.

[Pediatric Core Curriculum](#)  
[Mid-day Symposium](#)  
Special Topic Sessions

1:15 - 2:15 p.m. [Unopposed Exhibit Hall Time](#) (through Tuesday)

2:15 - 3:45 p.m. [Scientific Symposia](#)  
(including: [Basic Science Core](#), [Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine](#), [Critical Care Track](#), [Pediatric Year in Review](#))  
[Adult Clinical Core Curriculum: Critical Care](#)

2:15 - 4:15 p.m. **Abstract Sessions:**  
[Mini Symposia](#)  
[Poster Discussion Sessions](#)  
[RAPiD: Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions](#)  
**Breaking News Clinical Trials Symposium**

5 - 7 p.m. [Assembly Membership Meetings](#) (Sunday and Monday)

All Day Early **Student Scholars Program**  
Career Program

## Industry Highlights May 17-19

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Industry Theaters**

6:30 - 9:30 p.m. **Industry Supported Evening Symposia**

## International Conference May 20 Education Programs & Events

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Abstract Sessions:**  
[Mini Symposia](#)  
[Poster Discussion Sessions](#)

12 -1 p.m. [Mid-day Symposium](#)

For a complete list of programs and events, more information, and to plan your conference, visit our interactive program at [ats2026.d365.events](https://ats2026.d365.events)



**ATS Conference News is the official news site for ATS 2026 and your guide to the International Conference, featuring can't-miss coverage of important sessions, research presentations, discussion topics, and more from this year's conference in Orlando.**



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[ATSConferenceNews.org](https://ATSConferenceNews.org)

# Can't-Miss Special Events at ATS 2026

Make the most of your ATS 2026 experience in Orlando by adding special ticketed sessions and events when you register.

## Respiratory Innovation Summit

May 15, 12 – 8 p.m. ET & May 16, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. ET

Uniting innovators, investors, clinicians, and advocacy groups who are leading the charge to create powerful new treatments for deadly and crippling diseases of the lungs and airways. ATS thanks **Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Genentech USA, GSK, AstraZeneca, Insmad, Lovelace Biomedical, Vicore Pharma, 4D Medical, and Catalent Pharma Solutions** for their generous support of the ATS 2026 Respiratory Innovation Summit.



## ATS Research Program Benefit

May 16, 6 – 7:30 p.m. ET

This benefit supports respiratory research, bringing together leaders and innovators who are advancing the future of lung health. ATS thanks **Chiesi USA, GSK, Insmad Incorporated, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Genentech and United Therapeutics** for their support of the ATS Research Program Benefit. The Society also extends its gratitude and thanks to all donors who have supported the Research Program.



## Diversity Forum: Resilience in a Time of Challenge

May 17, 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. ET

The forum celebrates diversity within the fields of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine and research. Featured speaker **Jennifer L. Taylor, MD, MSCS, ATSF**, will bring this theme to life in a truly impactful way. ATS thanks **Genentech** for their generous support for the Diversity Forum.



## Women's Forum

May 18, 11:45 a.m. to– 1:15 p.m. ET

This forum salutes women who are leading change in science, medicine, and global health. This year will feature a talk-show format, creating an engaging and conversational space where attendees can learn from panelists at different stages of their careers. ATS thanks **United Therapeutics and Genentech** for their generous support of the Women's Forum.



**Space is limited! Secure your spot early and plan ahead for these standout experiences.**



# Your Voice, Your Impact: Advocacy at ATS 2026

Did you know that the ATS works year-round to ensure that the voice of the pulmonary, critical care, and sleep community is heard in federal policy discussions that shape research, public health, clean air, and patient care? From legislation and regulation to science policy and agency decision-making, ATS advocacy helps protect and advance respiratory health nationwide.

To strengthen member engagement in this vital work, the ATS is introducing a new series of interactive, 60-minute seminars at ATS 2026 to offer attendees an opportunity to connect with the issues shaping the future of respiratory medicine.

*“We want to create a dialogue with attendees where we can not only inform members about what we’re doing but actually activate them to become a part of it,”*

- Gary Ewart, MHS  
Executive Vice President, Advocacy and Government Relations, ATS

Take Action

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Sessions will cover timely topics such as:

- Tobacco control.
- Air pollution and clean air regulation.
- Research funding and biomedical policy.
- Emerging federal priorities affecting lung health.

Each seminar will highlight current ATS initiatives while also creating space for discussion and feedback. The goal is not only to inform members, but also to build momentum and participation across the Society.

Due to room capacity, seminars will be capped at approximately 50-60 attendees. No separate registration is required; seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Check the ATS 2026 website for latest seminar information.

[site.thoracic.org/conference](http://site.thoracic.org/conference)



# Giving Back in Orlando:

## Community Initiatives

Each year, the ATS International Conference extends its impact beyond the convention center through meaningful community partnerships and service initiatives that support the health and well-being of residents. In Orlando, ATS 2026 attendees will have several opportunities to give back through outreach and volunteer efforts.



The ATS is proud to collaborate with the [Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida](#) on programming designed to inspire the next generation of health care leaders. On [Thursday, May 14](#), members of the ATS Executive Committee, alongside selected industry partners, will participate in a youth-focused community session for club members interested in health careers. The event will include guidance on overcoming challenges, a Q&A session, and a meet-and-greet designed to build confidence and networking skills.

“This event is a great opportunity for our members to help the next generation,” said

[Jamil Paden](#), director, Diversity, Equity, and Community Outreach, ATS. “Our goal is to assist these young people by making them comfortable and confident after talking with our ATS members.”

On [Friday, May 15](#), the Boys & Girls Club will host its annual [Celebrate the Children Gala](#) at the Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel. ATS members will be invited to volunteer when sign-ups open, providing another chance to connect with local leaders and community partners around lung health priorities.

Conference attendees can also support the [LGBT+ Center Orlando’s Pride Pantry](#), which serves more than 300 individuals each month. Donations of the following items are especially needed:

- Packaged foods (pasta, cereal, salt)
- Nonperishable canned goods (fruit, vegetables, tuna, peanut butter)
- Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, socks)
- Cleaning supplies (household essentials)
- Pet food and treats
- Office and school supplies



# ATS 2026 International Conference Code of Conduct

The ATS is committed to providing a friendly, safe, and welcoming environment for all, including at its annual International Conference, regardless of gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, or other protected characteristics.

We expect all attendees, media, speakers, volunteers, organizers, venue staff, and exhibitors to help us ensure a safe and positive conference experience for everyone and adhere to a professional code of ethics that includes:

- Being considerate and respectful.
- Respecting confidential information that is designated or commonly expected.
- Adhering to ethical principles in research.
- Refraining from sexual harassment or harassment based on race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or other protected characteristics.
- Fully disclosing and managing – in a manner consistent with ATS policies – any professional relationship, action, or other circumstance that may result in a conflict of interest.

**Interested in learning more? Read on!**  
*ATS Codes of Conduct*



# Make the Most of Your ATS 2026 Experience

ATS 2026 offers robust digital resources designed to support attendees before, during, and after the International Conference. Like many large medical associations hosting thousands of participants each year, the ATS uses a connected ecosystem of platforms, each optimized for a specific purpose and point in the conference journey.

Whether you are registering months in advance, planning your schedule in April, or navigating sessions on-site in Orlando, these tools work together to help you make the most of your experience.

## The ATS Digital Ecosystem

### ATS Website — [thoracic.org](https://thoracic.org)

The Society's year-round home base, this evergreen platform supports the ATS's long-term mission, membership, advocacy efforts, clinical resources, and professional community.

### ATS Conference Website — [conference.thoracic.org](https://conference.thoracic.org)

This is the primary source for ATS 2026 information and registration. Updated annually with refreshed design and branding, this site supports the full conference life cycle. From your decision to attend to your last day at the conference, it can help you book travel, explore educational offerings, apply for opportunities, or learn about sponsorships and exhibits.

### ATS Conference News — [atsconferencenews.org](https://atsconferencenews.org)

This is where you find official news for the ATS International Conference. This digital publication delivers timely updates, featured stories, program highlights, and on-site coverage, keeping attendees informed and engaged before, during, and after the conference.

### Program Itinerary — [ATSConference365](https://ATSConference365)

Launching each January, this platform is the official planning and scheduling tool for the International Conference. Attendees will use it heavily in the months leading up to Orlando to:

- Browse sessions and speakers.
- Build a personalized agenda.
- Explore exhibitors and events.
- Access the livestreamed sessions.
- Network with colleagues.

## ATS 2026 Conference App



This is your on-the-go, on-site companion. Fully synced with ATSConference365, the mobile app is optimized for real-time use in Orlando, offering:

- Push notifications and conference updates.
- Interactive floor plans.
- Quick session access.
- Offline program browsing.
- Mobile-friendly networking tools.

**Download it wherever you obtain mobile apps!**

ATS thanks **AstraZeneca**, and **Verona Pharma, Inc.** for their generous support of the ATS 2026 Conference App.



**REGISTER TODAY. Visit [conference.thoracic.org](https://conference.thoracic.org) today.**

# Step into **the Future** at the **AI Lab**



Artificial intelligence is reshaping medicine — and now you can experience it firsthand.

The ATS 2026 AI Lab Exposition Space is a dedicated innovation site inside the Exhibit Hall, featuring curated sessions from the ATS AI Taskforce and hands-on engagement with industry leaders transforming pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine.

## Check it out



**AI Lab**



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Meet the ATS's new on-demand video learning platform driven by AI. Stream content curated from ATS 2025 and ATS 2026 just for you – a personalized way to explore conference highlights, podcasts, webinars, and other learning content. Your ATS 2026 registration automatically **includes complimentary access through Dec. 31, 2026**. Login through ATS account required.

“It’s like Netflix for pulmonologists!”

— Raed Dweik, MD, MBA, ATSF, ATS President

### CONTEST: You Could WIN Big Prizes!

Each activated subscription will be entered into a random prize drawing on **May 20, 2026**, for a chance to win exciting prizes. One lucky winner will receive a **FREE VIP experience at ATS 2027 in New Orleans**, which includes complimentary conference registration, 5 nights hotel and dinner in the French Quarter.

The second prize is a **Series 11 Apple Watch**.

**Terms and conditions:** No purchase necessary. Rules and terms apply. See the ATS member booth for more information.





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