

ATS 2026 Road Map

for Early Career Professionals

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Together, these and other capabilities make the ATS 2026 conference app a must-have tool.

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Welcome to ATS 2026!



On behalf of ATS and the entire Professional Development Committee (PDC), welcome to ATS 2026! We hope you have an exciting, engaging, informative, and valuable experience!

This Road Map for Early Career Professionals highlights many of the events, programs, activities, and resources that we believe will be of interest to you as an early-career or in-training ATS member. This includes graduate and professional students, clinical trainees, research fellows, and new faculty. To get started, check out our Making the Most out of ATS 2026 infographic that provides tips on what to do before, during, and after the ATS conference (see page 5). In addition, the following events and opportunities are geared towards trainees and early career professionals and so are worth checking out:

- **Diversity Forum** (Sunday, May 17, 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Regency Ballroom S (Convention Level, Hyatt Regency Orlando): The Diversity Forum is focused on key topics related to diversity, equity, and inclusion in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine and science.
[Seating is limited. Register today!](#)
- **Women's Forum** (Monday, May 18, 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m., Regency Ballroom S (Convention Level, Hyatt Regency Orlando)): The Women's Forum supports the advancement of women in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine and recognizes their outstanding contributions to our field.
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- **ATS Assembly Mentoring Programs:** The ATS Mentoring Program seeks to connect early to mid-career professionals with more senior members of their assemblies for networking and career development. [Sign up to be a mentor or mentee!](#) Or [learn more](#) about this valuable component of the ATS 2026 International Conference to see how this program may be useful to you.
- **The ATS Networking Super Center** (Sunday May 17, - Tuesday, May 19 from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 20 from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m., Hall C (Level II, OCCC West) is a great place to catch high-yield didactic and small group sessions related to career development, clinical learning, and scientific innovation. Be sure to check it out and take advantage of the smaller setting to get to know some amazing peers and leaders from across our field. More on page 17.
- **Assembly Meetings:** Assembly meetings are a great way to meet people interested in similar topics. Many assemblies have **early career networking events** in and around the meeting, and early career working groups that are designed for trainees and early career members. More information about the ATS Assemblies can be found on page 23.

In addition to this Road Map, the full ATS conference program ([ATSConference365](#) or on the [ATS App for Android or iPhone](#)) is definitely worth checking out to find symposia and poster sessions related to other specific interests you may have. You can search by topic or by speaker through the app.

Feel like being more involved? There are many ways to get involved within the ATS outside of the International Conference. ATS programs and initiatives are only successful with engagement from our members and communities. If you would like to get involved with ATS activities after the conference is over, please contact ATS staff member Adina Roman, at fellows@thoracic.org. Also, be sure to sign up on the official Get Involved page at <https://site.thoracic.org/about-us/get-involved-with-ats-your-voice-matters>! Need other ways to be involved closer to home? There are a multitude of local ATS chapters based on your location to make an impact in your own backyard! Be sure to sign up for your local chapter. <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/chapters/chapter-list>.

To get even more out of your overall ATS experience, we greatly encourage you to sign up for ATS Assemblies.

What is an assembly in ATS? Assemblies are a subset of members and affiliates with interests in common among the broader field areas, such as pediatrics, critical care medicine or respiratory cell and molecular biology. The assemblies can be a great way of networking both at the International Conference and beyond. A full list of assemblies can be found here: <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/assemblies-sections>.

Making the Most of ATS 2026

Before ATS:

Review Early- Career Road Map & define goals

Download ATS App & block priority sessions

Register for assembly mentorship & early career mentorship events

Email 3-5 mentors/collaborators to schedule meetings

Prepare talks/posters and set brief feedback meetup

Pack smart (e.g., comfortable shoes, layers, business cards, etc.)

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During ATS:

Attending Opening Ceremony and key plenaries.

Follow daily rule:

- flagship science
- career / leadership session
- networking/ mentoring touchpoint

Engage in Networking Exchange & Super Networking Center sessions

Attend Diversity, Women's & leadership forums

Introduce yourself before/ after sessions

Exchange contacts & follow-up plans

After ATS:

Send personalized follow-ups within 72 hours

Advance manuscripts, protocols, workshops, or grants

Submit ATS 2027 session proposals (June)

Explore ATS early -career resources

Contact Assembly/ Committee leaders to get involved

Visit ATS website for additional resources

Complete the early Career Roadmap Survey by scanning the QR code

ATS Assembly Membership Meetings



Assemblies serve as the cornerstone of the ATS, offering a pivotal entry point for trainees, junior faculty, and new ATS members. These 14 assemblies play a vital role in shaping the content and programming of the International Conference, among other essential activities.

For those seeking involvement, attending one or more of the annual assembly membership meetings aligned with your clinical and research interests is an accessible starting point. These meetings, held during the International Conference, provide a valuable opportunity to personally connect with the assembly's leaders. If attending isn't feasible, reaching out to Assembly leaders via email post-conference is another avenue to express interest and engagement.

All Membership Meetings Will take place at the Orange County Convention Center. Please find the meeting logistics below.

Assembly Membership Meeting Schedule

Assembly on:	Assembly Chair	Date/Time (ET)	Location
Nursing (NUR)	Margaret Carno, PhD, CPNP, ATSF, MBA, RN	Sunday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.	Lecture Hall W300
Behavioral Science and Health Services Research (BSHSR)	Valerie G Press, MD, MPH, ATSF	Sunday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.	W312
Thoracic Oncology (TO)	Nichole T. Tanner, MD, MSCR	Sunday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.	W308
Environmental, Occupational and Population Health (EOPH)	Mary B. Rice, MD, MPH	Sunday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.	W304A-D
Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis (PI-TB)	Kenneth Olivier, MD, MPH, ATSF	Sunday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.	W307
Pediatrics (PEDS)	Lisa R. Young, MD, ATSF	Sunday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.	W304E-H
Respiratory Structure and Function (RSF)	Jason C. Woods, PhD, ATSF	Sunday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.	W311E-H
Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology (SRN)	Neomi A. Shah, MD, MPH, Msci	Monday, May 18, 5-7 p.m.	W308
Clinical Problems (CP)	Ravi Kalhan, MD, MS	Monday, May 18, 5-7 p.m.	W312
Pulmonary Circulation (PC)	Corey E. Ventetuolo, MD, MS	Monday, May 18, 5-7 p.m.	W307
Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (RCMB)	Elizabeth F. Redente, PhD, ATSF	Monday, May 18, 5-7 p.m.	W311E-H
Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation (All)	Fernando Holguin, MD, MPH	Monday, May 18, 5-7 p.m.	W304A-D
Critical Care (CC)	Eddy Fan, MD, PhD	Monday, May 18, 5-7 p.m.	W304E-H
Pulmonary Rehabilitation (PR)	Marilyn L. Moy, MD, MSc	Monday, May 18, 5-7 p.m.	Lecture Hall W300



Join the conversation:

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Networking Exchange for Early Career Professionals

Saturday, May 16

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Hall C (Level II, OCCC West Concourse)

Sponsored by Professional Development Committee

- + Become an ATS in-training member for FREE!
- + Connect with peers!
- + Get involved!
- + Learn more about the ATS conference!
- + Appetizers and drinks will be available.

Professional Development Committee, Networking Super Center Chairs and ATS Leadership will be present at this event. Feel free to ask them any questions or just say hello!

PhD Reception

Sunday, May 17

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunburst Room and Terrace Room W340 (Level III, OCCC West Concourse)

Organized by Science and Innovation and PhD Working Groups

If you are PhD, basic scientist, post-doc, or early career professional, come on down to Sunburst Room and Terrace for this networking event! There will be lots of opportunities to meet new people, make new connections, establish new collaborations, and share career development experiences and advice. Plus, there will be free appetizers and drinks, so that's a bonus!

TEACH Networking Event

Monday, May 18

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunburst Room and Terrace Room W340 (Level III, OCCC West Concourse)

Organized by ATS Section on Medical Education Leadership

TEACH is where trainees and faculty come together to shape the future of Section on Medical Education (SoME).

This dynamic networking event brings together trainees interested in Medical Education and faculty from SoME for meaningful connections and collaboration.

What to Expect:

- Intentional networking with faculty and peers who share your passion for Medical Education
- Teaching partnerships and mentorship connections
- A welcoming space to explore and grow your educational interests

Whether you're looking to launch a project, find a mentor, or simply connect with like-minded educators, TEACH is your space to meet, mingle, and move your ideas forward!

IMG International Medical Graduates Networking Event

Tuesday, May 19

Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Hall C (Level II, OCCC West Concourse) Reception Area

Sponsored by Professional Development Committee

Navigating Your Path as an International Medical Graduate (IMG). This interactive Networking Event follows a speed-dating event which is designed to provide and support you with practical guidance and meaningful connections.

What You'll Gain:

- Insight into visa considerations and career pathways
- Guidance on job opportunities and advanced training options
- Strategies for finding mentors and research funding
- Small-group networking with experienced faculty from diverse institutions
- Advice from faculty at different career stages — many of whom are IMGs themselves

This highly informative Networking Event offers structured, small-group discussions and ample time to connect, ask questions, and build lasting professional relationships.

Session Code	Format	Title	Time
Sunday, May 17			
A2	Basic Science Core	VISUALIZING THE TARGET: IMAGE-BASED MULTIMODAL PROFILING OF MICRO AND MACROENVIRONMENT IN LUNG DISEASE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
A5	Basic Science Core	THE WHAT, WHERE, AND IMPACT OF THE LUNG MICROENVIRONMENT; IN HEALTH AND DISEASE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
A6	Scientific Symposium	THE OBESE LUNG MICROENVIRONMENT: NEW INSIGHTS INTO ASTHMA PATHWAYS AND THERAPEUTIC TARGETS	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
A8	Scientific Symposium	THE WOUNDED LUNG: CELLULAR STRESS, INFLAMMATION AND CARCINOGENESIS	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
A9	Scientific Symposium	PRIMARY CILIARY DYSKINESIA IN A GENOMIC THERAPEUTIC ERA	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
MD2	Mid-Day Session	CREATIVE APPROACHES IN AN UNSTABLE FUNDING ENVIRONMENT: TIPS AND TRICKS FOR SUCCESS	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
A85	Basic Science Core	DECODING THE LUNG MICROENVIRONMENT: DEFINING DISEASE NICHEs	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Monday, May 18			
B5	Basic Science Core	NOVEL INSIGHTS INTO THE COMPLEMENT INFLUENCE ON LUNG MICROENVIRONMENT IN ACUTE AND CHRONIC DISEASE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
MD13	Mid-Day Session	RED JOURNAL IN ACTION 2: LUNG REPAIR MODELS AND MECHANISMS	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
MD20	Mid-Day Session	LEVERAGE HUMAN-BASED APPROACHES TO STUDY LUNG RESILIENCE AND DISEASE	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
MD24	Mid-Day Session	LUNGMAP PHASE 3- NOVEL TECHNOLOGY, DATA SCIENCE, AND RESOURCES	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
B85	Basic Science Core	BEYOND -OMICS: CONNECTING MOLECULAR BIOLOGY TO CELL PATHOPHYSIOLOGY USING SPATIO-TEMPORAL MULTI-MODAL IMAGING	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
B89	Scientific Symposium	FROM BENCH TO THRIVING: RECENT BREAKTHROUGHS IN CHILDHOOD INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
B93	Scientific Symposium	LIVING LANDSCAPES: HOW LUNG MICROENVIRONMENTS ORCHESTRATE HOST RESPONSE IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE LUNG	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19			
C2	Basic Science Core	IMMUNE ACTIVATION AND FIBROSIS WITHIN THE PULMONARY VASCULAR MICROENVIRONMENT	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
C12	Scientific Symposium	MYCOBACTERIA RE-IMAGINED: GAME-CHANGING DISCOVERIES IN TB AND NTM SCIENCE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
MTE32	Meet the Expert Seminar	MODELING THE DISEASED LUNG MICROENVIRONMENT: EXPERIMENTAL STRATEGIES FOR COMPLEX CO-MORBID CONDITIONS	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
MTE37	Meet the Expert Seminar	THE CELLULAR LANDSCAPE OF COPD: NOVEL INSIGHTS FROM GENOMICS AND CELL BIOLOGY	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
C84	Critical Care Track	ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION IN CRITICAL ILLNESS: FROM MECHANISMS TO THERAPIES	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
C87	Scientific Symposium	ADAPTING TO AN EVOLVING RESEARCH FUNDING ENVIRONMENT	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20			
D5	Scientific Symposium	EMPHYSEMA DECODED: AGING GONE WRONG OR REPAIR GONE MISSING?	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
D7	Scientific Symposium	ENDOTHELIAL HETEROGENEITY IN THE LUNG MICROENVIRONMENT: AGE AND DISEASE PERSPECTIVES.	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
D8	Scientific Symposium	THERAPEUTIC ACUTE INTERMITTENT HYPOXIA: TRANSLATION FROM ANIMAL MODELS TO HUMANS WITH INJURY OR DISEASE	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
D86	Scientific Symposium	LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: INTERCELLULAR COMMUNICATION DRIVING LUNG DISEASE	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
PG Courses - Saturday, May 16			
PG21	Half-Day PG Course (Didactic)	TRANSLATIONAL WINDOWS INTO THE LUNG MICROENVIRONMENT: ADVANCES WITH PRECISION-CUT LUNG SLICES	12:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Sunday, May 17			
A4	Critical Care Track	HOST-DIRECTED THERAPEUTICS IN SEPSIS: LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
MD5	Mid-Day Session	UPDATES ON ARDS, PNEUMONIA, AND SEPSIS PHENOTYPING CONSORTIUM	2:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
CC2	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT CRITICAL CARE CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Monday, May 18			
B1	Year in Review	#CYIR2 (ID 1505) CYIR2 - ARDS, CRITICAL CARE, SEPSIS, POST-ICU	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
B4	Critical Care Track	WORDS MATTER: THE POWER OF LANGUAGE IN SHAPING CRITICAL CARE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
ME102	Medical Education Seminar	ICU ROUNDS AS LEARNING LABS: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR THE ICU EDUCATOR	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
B82	Critical Care Track	PRECISION VS PRAGMATISM: STRIKING BALANCE IN THE ICU	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
B83	Journal Session	AJRCCM/NEJM/JAMA CRITICAL CARE SESSION	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
CC4	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT CRITICAL CARE CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19			
C5	Critical Care Track	FROM CANNULAS TO CONCEPTS: THE PRACTICE, EVIDENCE AND SCIENCE OF VV-ECMO	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
Wednesday, May 20			
D4	Critical Care Track	OPTIMIZING CRITICAL CARE THROUGH LEARNING HEALTH SYSTEMS: COMPONENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
D9	Scientific Symposium	THE SCIENCE OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN THE ICU: HIGH HOPES, MIXED RESULTS	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
PG Courses - Saturday, May 16			
PG17	Half-Day PG Course (Didactic)	FROM VENTILATOR SETUP TO LIBERATION: PRACTICAL FOUNDATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION AT THE BEDSIDE	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Session Code	Format	Title	Time
Sunday, May 17			
K1	ATS Keynote Series	K1 VACCINES - PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE	8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
A3	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	FELLOWS CASE CONFERENCE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
ME101	Medical Education Seminar	COMMUNICATING AND TEACHING ABOUT UNCERTAINTY IN CLINICAL, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH SETTINGS	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
CC1	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT SLEEP CORE CURRICULUM	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
A83	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	GREAT CASES: CLINICAL, RADIOLOGIC, AND PATHOLOGIC CORRELATIONS BY MASTER CLINICIANS	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
CC2	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT CRITICAL CARE CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Monday, May18			
K2	ATS Keynote Series	THE SUPREME COURT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE, AND YOU	8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
MTE15	Meet the Expert Seminar	MEET THE EXPERT SEMINAR	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
ME102	Medical Education Seminar	ICU ROUNDS AS LEARNING LABS: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR THE ICU EDUCATOR	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
CC3	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT SLEEP CORE CURRICULUM	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
MD14	Mid-Day Session	ATS SCHOLAR: SUCCESSFUL PUBLICATION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
CC4	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT CRITICAL CARE CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19			
K3	ATS Keynote Series	OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES: USE OF AI IN MEDICAL EDUCATION	8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
C3	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS: MICKEY'S MYSTERY CLUB	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m./ 11:15 a.m.
ME103	Medical Education Seminar	BLENDING TRADITION AND TECH: NAVIGATING LEARNING RESOURCES IN THE DIGITAL AGE	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
C88	Scientific Symposium	BREATHE NEW LIFE INTO YOUR CAREER: THRIVING THROUGH TRANSITIONS	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
CC5	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT PULMONARY CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20			
D1	Year in Review	CYIR4 - VACCINES, INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY, MED ED, LUNG CANCER	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
CC6	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT PULMONARY CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
PG Courses - Saturday, May 16			
PG18	Half-Day PG Course (Didactic)	AI IN MEDICINE: EDUCATING THE FUTURE, TRANSFORMING PRACTICE	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Suggested Conference Activities

Pediatric

Session Code	Format	Title	Time
Sunday, May 17			
PCC1	Pediatric Core Curriculum	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
A81	YIR	PEDIATRIC YEAR IN REVIEW: THE MAGIC KINGDOM OF PEDIATRIC PULMONARY	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Monday, May 18			
B9	Scientific Symposium	PULMONARY FUNCTION IN CHILDHOOD RESPIRATORY DISEASE: EVIDENCE, SOCIAL DETERMINANTS, AND TRAJECTORIES	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
PCC2	Pediatric Core Curriculum	PEDIATRIC CORE CURRICULUM	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
B92	Scientific Symposium	ESCALATING USE, EMERGING SCIENCE: VAPE/SMOKE INDUCED LUNG DISEASE	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19			
C3	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS: MICKEY'S MYSTERY CLUB	9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 20			
PCC3	Pediatric Core Curriculum	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Session Code	Format	Title	Time
Sunday, May 17			
A3	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	FELLOWS CASE CONFERENCE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
MTE9	Meet the Expert Seminar	COMPLICATED PLEURAL DISEASE: AN EVIDENCED BASED APPROACH	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
A83	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	GREAT CASES: CLINICAL, RADIOLOGIC, AND PATHOLOGIC CORRELATIONS BY MASTER CLINICIANS	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
A92	Scientific Symposium	FUNGAL INFECTIONS IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE: UPDATES ON EPIDEMIOLOGY, MYCOLOGY, AND MANAGEMENT	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Monday, May18			
B3	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	CHEST MATCH: DEBATE IN NON-MALIGNANT PLEURAL DISEASE MANAGEMENT, A PRO/CON	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
B10	Scientific Symposium	RESPIRATORY HEALTH, POLICY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE 2026 POLITICAL CLIMATE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
B11	Scientific Symposium	QUESTION EVERYTHING: RETHINKING CONVENTIONAL APPROACHES TO CAP	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
MTE22	Meet the Expert Seminar	UNRAVELING THE STORM: MANAGING ACUTE EXACERBATIONS OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
MD17	Mid-Day Session	FUNDAMENTALS OF HIGH-RESOLUTION CT OF THE LUNGS	12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
B84	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	CONTROVERSIES IN INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: A PRO-CON	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
B86	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	NEW AND HOT CONCEPTS IN COPD	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19			
C4	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	CONTENTIOUS TOPICS IN COPD CARE: A PRO/CON DEBATE	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
C7	Committee Sponsored	PAR SYMPOSIUM: NEW APPROACHES TO THE PATIENT WITH CHRONIC PRODUCTIVE COUGH	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
C13	Scientific Symposium	WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOUR PATIENT IS EXPECTING: PREGNANCY IN PCCM	9:15 a.m. - 10:45a.m.
MTE29	Meet the Expert Seminar	UPDATED BRONCHIECTASIS GUIDELINES: INTEGRATING INTO CLINICAL PRACTICE	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
MTE34	Meet the Expert Seminar	TO PNEUMONITIS AND BEYOND: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF DYSPNEA FROM IMMUNE CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS	10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
C83	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	TREATMENT CHALLENGES IN SARCOIDOSIS	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
C85	Committee Sponsored	ATS GUIDELINES AND CLINICAL STATEMENTS: CONTROVERSIES IN RESPIRATORY FAILURE AND ILA/ILD	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20			
D2	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	A TALE OF TWO TRANSPLANTS: THE CONVERGENT PATHS OF CHRONIC LUNG ALLOGRAFT DYSFUNCTION AND PULMONARY GRAFT VERSUS HOST DISEASE	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
D3	Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine	THE CUTTING EDGE OF TREATMENT FOR NICOTINE ADDICTION: WHAT ALL CLINICIANS SHOULD KNOW	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
D81	Scientific Symposium	INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO IMPROVE LUNG CANCER SCREENING ACCESS AND ADHERENCE	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
D85	Scientific Symposium	AIMING HIGHER: THE JOURNEY TOWARD ASTHMA REMISSION	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
CC6	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT PULMONARY CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
PG Courses - Friday, May 15			
PG3	Full-Day PG Course (Skills Based)	BRONCH DAY 2026: A COMPREHENSIVE, HANDS-ON GUIDE TO BASIC BRONCHOSCOPY, EBUS, AND GUIDED BRONCHOSCOPY	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
PG6	Full-Day PG Course (Skills Based)	BEST PRACTICES IN PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTING	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Session Code	Format	Title	Time
Sunday, May 17			
CC1	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT SLEEP CORE CURRICULUM	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
A88	Scientific Symposium	PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPIES FOR OSA: A NEW FRONTIER	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Monday, May 18			
CC3	Adult Clinical Core Curriculum	ADULT SLEEP CORE CURRICULUM	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
B87	Scientific Symposium	WHEN TREATMENT HURTS: RETHINKING CPAP IN OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA THROUGH A PRECISION MEDICINE LENS	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19			
C21	Mini Symposium	FROM OREXIN AGONISTS TO OXYBUTYNIN: A NEW ERA OF PHARMACOLOGIC THERAPIES IN SLEEP MEDICINE	9:15 a.m. - 11:15 A.m.
C90	Scientific Symposium	ADVANCING HYPOXEMIA ASSESSMENT AND OXYGEN ACCESS: U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES	2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20			
D8	Scientific Symposium	THERAPEUTIC ACUTE INTERMITTENT HYPOXIA: TRANSLATION FROM ANIMAL MODELS TO HUMANS WITH INJURY OR DISEASE	8:15 a.m. - 9:45 A.m.
PG Courses - Saturday, May 16			
PG10	Full-Day PG Course (Skills Based)	MECHANISTIC AND MULTIMODAL OSA TREATMENT: NERVE STIMULATION, SURGERY, ORAL APPLIANCES, AND EMERGING PHARMACOTHERAPY	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
PG18	Half-Day PG Course (Didactic)	AI IN MEDICINE: EDUCATING THE FUTURE, TRANSFORMING PRACTICE	12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Early Career Opportunities in ATS Journals



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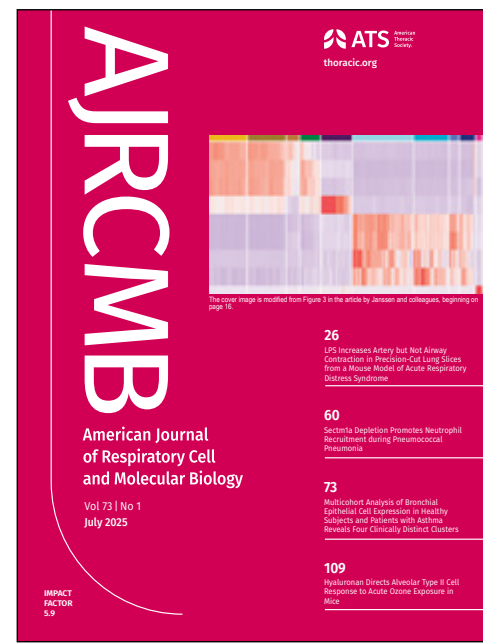
Early Career Group, Images, Beyond the Blue, and the Emerging Investigators Highlight

The Blue Journal has several opportunities for early career professionals:

- The Early Career Group oversees the Images and Beyond the Blue sections and recommends new enterprises and social media initiatives. They train a network of early career clinicians and researchers in editorial and peer review of manuscripts and image requirements, as well as develop junior associate editors under close supervision.
- The Beyond the Blue section encourages researchers in fellowship programs to provide brief reviews on the most interesting articles recently published in other journals. Each Beyond the Blue article contains 3 short summaries (300-400 words each) written by fellows in the program.
- Emerging Investigators Highlight: Each issue features biographies and photographs of Emerging Investigators who authored articles

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AJRCMB

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AJRCMB has a newly established Early Career Group.

- The AJRCMB Editor Apprentice Program has recently launched.
- Individual early career researchers are matched one-to-one with an Associate Editor or Deputy Editor for a 2-year term. Apprentices will have the opportunity to participate behind the scenes in the editorial and review process.
- In each issue, at least one paper with a junior investigator as the first or senior author is highlighted by the editors. One of these junior investigators from a highlighted paper is given an award at the ATS Conference.

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Editorial Fellowship Opportunity

Returning Soon: The AnnalsATS Editorial Fellowship

AnnalsATS offers an opportunity for postdoctoral fellows interested in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine.

- The Editorial Fellowship Program fosters development of skills that are not traditionally targeted in postdoctoral fellowship training but are important to early career professionals interested in academic publishing.
- Fellows are paired with AnnalsATS editors to receive mentored guidance in manuscript appraisal from submission to publication. Editorial fellows serve for at least 1 year with the option of renewing annually for up to 3 years. Program to start shortly.

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ATS Scholar

Editorial Fellowship Program, View from the Learner articles

• ATS Scholar's Editorial Fellowship Program aims to train the next generation of clinician-educators in medical publishing.

• The position is offered to two candidates for one year, January 1 through December 31.

• To be eligible, applicants must be ATS members who are within their first three years on faculty or final year of training.

• ATS Scholar encourages commentaries from students and trainees in healthcare in its View from the Learner section. While the View from the Learner commentary is written from a trainee perspective, the trainee may include a single senior author to provide support in writing the manuscript if preferred.

• ATS Scholar's open-access policy means that all articles will be freely accessible and online immediately upon publication. This offers authors a chance to increase the visibility of their work and maximize exposure to a wide, global audience.

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Pediatric Resident Development Scholarship (PRDS)

Online applications for next year's conference will be available in early January.

The Pediatric Resident Development Scholarship (PRDS) program was created by the American Thoracic Society (ATS) to introduce pediatric residents to exciting clinical and research advances in respiratory diseases that affect infants, children, and adolescents by providing awardees an opportunity to attend the annual ATS International Conference. It is expected that this program will encourage participating residents to apply to pediatric pulmonology and/or sleep medicine fellowships, which will ultimately increase the clinical and research workforce in these fields. Learn more about the [PRDS here](#).

Underrepresented Trainee Development Scholarship (UTDS)

Online applications for next year's conference will be available in early January.

The Underrepresented Trainee Development Scholarship (UTDS) aims to increase representation of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups as defined by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine research by providing an opportunity for trainees in U.S. based programs to attend the ATS International Conference (IC). UTDS awardees will receive a travel scholarship, a certificate of achievement, complimentary registration to the ATS International Conference and 1 free year of ATS membership. They will also be honored during the Diversity Forum at ATS. Learn more about the [UTDS here](#).

ASPIRE Fellowship Program

Are you interested in an academic career in sleep medicine? The ASPIRE (Academic Sleep Pulmonary Integrated Research/Clinical) fellowship is designed to provide mentorship and research funding for pulmonary, critical care, and sleep fellows and otorhinolaryngology residents interested in sleep. The benefits of ASPIRE fellowship include mentorship from expert sleep faculty nationwide, an opportunity to network with other like-minded fellows, and an annual stipend for research. Please [click here](#) for more information.

ATS Early Career Investigator Award in Pulmonary Vascular Disease

The ATS Early Career Investigator Award in Pulmonary Vascular Disease program supports investigators at universities and research institutes in the United States and Canada with innovative projects and promising careers in pulmonary vascular disease. Individual grants of up to \$100,000 are provided to qualified investigators to conduct research on the basic mechanisms and/or vascular biology of pulmonary vascular disease via a 12-month mentored grant. Grants are awarded based on scientific merit, originality, feasibility, and applicability to the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary hypertension. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Medical Education Research Grant Program

Online applications for next year's conference will be available in early January.

The Medical Education Research Grant Program's primary goal is to provide junior faculty career educators the opportunity to perform high-quality research that advances the fields of education in pulmonary, critical care, or sleep medicine. The award will prioritize education-based and multi-institutional research projects that include a mentor and mentoring plan. Pilot studies and qualitative hypothesis-generating studies are also encouraged. Applicants may request up to \$5,000 for one year for salaries, statistical support/consultations, equipment, and supplies. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award

Online applications will be available in early January.

The [Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award](#) is an ATS Scholarship Award that honors pulmonary and critical care fellows engaged in clinical research. The award was named after Morton Ziskind, MD, a highly respected clinician-researcher from Tulane University who died in 1979 and was renowned for bringing his fellows to the ATS International Conferences and exposing them to memorable learning experiences. In an effort to honor his inspiring mentoring practices, the ATS created this award program to recognize the best and the brightest individuals in clinical research.

Patients & Experts *forum*

Drug Repurposing and Complementary Therapies for Lung Health

The American Thoracic Society's Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to invite you to our 20th annual FREE patient/family education day event.

SATURDAY MAY 16th, 2026
From 10:00 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m.

Hyatt Place Hotel
9801 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819
Ballroom R

Panelists:



Gustavo Matute-Bello MD, ATSF



Steve Park



Matt Nestor



Amit Gaggar, MD, PhD

The following experts will also be available for Q&A in breakout sessions

Cystic Fibrosis	Raksha Jain, MD, MSC
Tuberous Sclerosis Complex/LAM	Gregory P. Downey, MD, ATSF
Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis (PAP)	Brenna Carey, MS, PhD • Bruce Trapnell, MD • Tisha Wang, MD, ATSF
Hermansky-Pudluk Syndrome	Wilfredo De Jesus-Rojas, MD, FAAP, MSc, ATSF
Alveolar Capillary Dysplasia	Eliza Rista
Lung Transplant	Amy Skiba
Allergy and Asthma Network	Vickram Tejwani, MD, ATSF
Right2Breathe	Michele DaSilva
Pulmonary Fibrosis	Jeffrey J. Swigris, DO • Aravind Ajakumar Menon, MD, ATSF

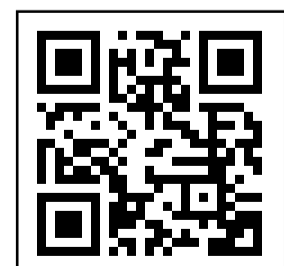
Program

Drug Repurposing and Complementary Therapies for Lung Health

10:00 a.m.	Welcome and introductions Siri Vaeth, MSW
10:15 a.m.	Lung Map and NHLBI AI Gustavo Matute-Bello MD, ATSF
10:35 a.m.	Complementary Therapies Amit Gaggar, MD, PhD
10:55 a.m.	Drug repurposing Matt Nestor
11:15 a.m.	Patient Perspective Steve Park
11:35 a.m.	Q&A
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Breakout Rooms (informal chat with disease experts)
2:00 p.m.	Program ends

Lunch served in breakout rooms at approx. 12:15 p.m.

Seats are limited so please RSVP NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2026. For virtual participation please email Nusrat Aparna at Naparna@thoracic.org



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Sunday, May 17 – Tuesday, May 19
from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20
from 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Networking Super Center: Hall C
(Level II, Orange County Convention
Center, West Concourse)**

The learning studio was created as a professional development space for early career professionals (ECP: graduate students, medical students, residents, fellows, post docs, other allied healthcare and research professionals) and mid-careers in pulmonary, critical care or sleep medicine. The learning studio talks will be aimed at enhancing the professional development for all health care professionals. The studio talks are a unique and valuable opportunity for attendees to interact with experts and have questions answered.

For more information about sessions below visit:
<https://site.thoracic.org/conference/program/networking-super-center>

Dates/Times	Sunday, May 17	Monday, May 18	Tuesday, May 19	Wednesday, May 20
7 - 8:00 a.m.	PRDS Ceremony	How to Work with Industry in 2026	From A-to-I & O-to-Omics: An Introductory Field Guide to AI & Omics Research in Lung Diseases	High-Tech, Human-Centered: Practical Strategies for Integrating Ultrasound, AI, and Digital Tools Without Losing the Patient
9 - 10:00 a.m.	Teaching in the ICU @ Night	Getting Engaged in Clinical Trials: Pathways and Strategies for Budding Trialists	From Science to Storytelling: How to Use Narratives to Advocate for Change	Widen Your Net, Broaden Your Path: Networking and Portfolio Building for Early Career Scientists
10 - 11:00 a.m.	Conducting High-Impact Pulmonary Research in Low- and Middle-Income Countries	Elevator Speech Workshop: Sharpening Your Professional Identity	Diagnosing and Addressing Learning Disabilities in Trainees	Models and Techniques to Map the Influence of Extracellular Matrix Across the Lung
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Advocacy Roadmap: A Path to Career and Advocacy integration	AJRCCM, AJRCMB, AnnalsATS, ATS Scholar Combined Journal Talks Journal editors AJRCCM: Lydia Finney, Ph.D., AJRCMB: Andrew J. Halayko, Ph.D., FCAHS, ATSF Scholar: Dr. Nitin Seam, MD, ATSF AnnalsATS: Colin Cooke, M.D. Michael O. Harhay Geneva Tatem	Legislation, Implementation, Outcomes, and the Path to 50 States: Stock Albuterol Policies	Reliable Lung Sounds: Practical AI at the Point of Care
12 - 1:00 p.m.	Navigating Prior Authorization Challenges and Finding Solutions Indira Gurubhagavatula (confirmed)	Breathe Easy: The Scope of Pediatric Pulmonary Fellowship Training in the United States Early - Mid Career Professional Talk	Developing a Financial Plan: Top Considerations at the Start of Your Career	Survive, Then Thrive: Innovations in Post-ICU Recovery with Team-Based Care
1 - 2:00 p.m.	Strategies for Success in Leadership	Strategies for Patient Engagement in Research & Clinical Care: PAR Expertise and Support	Who I Am Matters: The Impact of Intersecting Identities on Workforce, Research, and Health Outcomes	Receptions/Networking Events Receptions/Networking Events on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday PhD Reception Sunday, May 17, 3-5 p.m. TEACH Reception (SoMe) Monday, May 18, 4-5 p.m. IMG Reception Tuesday, May 19, 4-5 p.m.
2 - 3:00 p.m.	Resources from the NIGMS Sepsis Human Biospecimens Program	Optimizing Individual Learning in the Multi-Disciplinary ICU: Building Skills & Gaining Competencies	From Labs to Lungs: Translating Respiratory Science for Impact	
3 - 4:00 p.m.	Physician Wellbeing 2.0 (Beyond the Warm and Fuzzy Hour)	Navigating the Early Career: Expert Panel Discussion of Career Development, Mentoring, and Networking	Academic Career as an International Medical Graduate (IMG) Viren Kaul, MD Sheetal Gandotra, MD Alice Gallo de Moraes, MD	
4 - 5:00 p.m.	SpeakEasy: Everyone has a story to tell... Sushma Cribbs, MD, MSc, ATSF – Sunday, May 17, 4-5 p.m.	M. Patricia Rivera, MD, ATSF – Monday, May 18, 4-5 p.m.	Ganesh Raghu, MD, ATSF and Yolanda Mageto, MD, MPH, ATSF (mentor/mentee session) – Tuesday, May 19, 4-5	



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4 – 5 p.m.

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Sunday Storyteller:

Sushma Cribbs, MD, MSc, ATSF
Sunday, May 17, 4–5 p.m.



Dr. Cribbs is a Professor of Medicine in Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine at Emory University. She earned her undergraduate and medical degrees from Boston University and completed her residency, fellowship, and a Master's in Clinical Research at Emory, joining the faculty in 2009. She has held multiple leadership roles, including Medical Director of the Pulmonary Clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital and leadership positions in fellowship training and respiratory programs.

She currently serves as Vice Chair for Faculty Development, overseeing programming and the promotions process for more than 950 faculty. Nationally, she is active in the American Thoracic Society, where she has helped develop major career development initiatives and received the ATS Presidential Commendation in 2022.

Her work focuses on career development, education, and research in HIV-related lung disease and COVID-19. She leads the NIH RECOVER study at the Atlanta VA, where she also cares for patients and mentors trainees.

Monday Storyteller:

M. Patricia Rivera, MD, ATSF
Monday, May 18, 4–5 p.m.



Professor of Medicine and Oncology and the C. Jane Davis & C. Robert Davis Distinguished Professor in Pulmonary Medicine, Chief of the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, and an Associate Director at Wilmot Cancer Center in the University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, New York. Her clinical expertise includes screening, diagnosing, and staging lung cancer, as well as managing treatment complications. Through NCI-funded research, she studies the delivery, quality, and outcomes of lung cancer screening and examines interventions to increase screening rates. Throughout her career, Dr. Rivera has held numerous leadership positions in professional societies, including President of the American Thoracic Society from 2023 to 2024. Dr. Rivera is passionate about research, teaching, mentoring, and developing the next generation of leaders in pulmonary and critical care medicine.

Tuesday Storyteller:

Ganesh Raghu, MD, ATSF
and Yolanda Mageto, MD, MPH, ATSF
(Mentor/Mentee Session) – Tuesday, May 19, 4–5 p.m.



Dr. Yolanda N. Mageto is a pulmonary and critical care physician with more than 30 years of experience in clinical care, research, and academic leadership. She earned her medical degree from Washington University in St. Louis, completed residency at UT Southwestern, and fellowship training at the University of Washington, where she also received an MPH in Epidemiology.

She has held faculty positions at the University of Washington, UT Southwestern, and the University of Vermont, and is currently Professor of Medicine at Texas A&M School of Medicine and Medical Director of Interstitial Lung Disease at Baylor University Medical Center Dallas. An expert in interstitial lung disease and sarcoidosis, Dr. Mageto has led clinical trials, contributed to American Thoracic Society guidelines, and served on the ATS Board of Directors. She is also a committed advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion in academic medicine.



Dr. Ganesh Raghu is an internationally recognized expert in interstitial lung diseases, with nearly four decades of leadership in research, clinical care, and guideline development. His work focuses on ILD, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, sarcoidosis, and rheumatologic lung diseases. He has led major clinical trials, contributed to NIH-funded research, and chaired multiple national and international guidelines. Dr. Raghu has authored more than 475 publications and has been named a Highly Cited Researcher by Clarivate multiple times.

At the University of Washington, he directs the Center for Interstitial Lung Disease and a WASOG Center for Excellence for Sarcoidosis and co-directs the Scleroderma Clinic. He also founded the UW Lung Transplant Program and remains an active clinician and patient advocate, including leading a pulmonary fibrosis support group since 1988.



Speaker:

Jennifer Taylor, MD, MSCS, ATSF

A tenured professor of adult and pediatric pulmonary medicine at National Jewish Health (NJH), where she serves as Medical Director of Clinical Research Services, co-director of the Adult Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Program, and Director of the CF Therapeutics Development Network center.

The annual ATS Diversity Forum celebrates diversity in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine, bringing together members for career insights and networking. This year's theme, "Resilience in a Time of Challenge," will be highlighted by featured speaker Jennifer Taylor, MD, MSCS, ATSF.

Dr. Taylor is a tenured professor at National Jewish Health, where she leads clinical research services, co-directs the Adult Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Program, and directs the CF Therapeutics Development Network center. Trained at Stanford, Duke, and the University of Colorado, she is a nationally recognized leader in CF clinical trials, co-leading major studies like the 41-site MAYFLOWERS trial. Her work spans over 160 publications, editorial roles, and leadership as chair of the ATS International Conference Committee (2025–2027).

A dedicated advocate for racial justice and health equity, she has led DEI initiatives at NJH and contributed nationally through the CFF, ATS, and NIH. Her work includes raising awareness of CF in communities of color. She has received numerous honors, including the ATS Distinguished Achievement Award (2023).

The forum will also recognize recipients of the Underrepresented Trainee Development Scholarships (UTDS), which support diverse trainees attending the ATS International Conference, and the ATS Fellowship in Health Equity and Diversity, which advances equity-focused research, care, education, and policy.

Organized by the ATS Health Equity and Diversity Committee and hosted by Chair Stephanie Lovinsky-Desir, MD, MS, the event is supported by the American Thoracic Society.

Diversity Forum

**Sunday, May 17,
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Regency Ballroom S
(Convention Level,
Hyatt Regency Orlando)**



Women's Forum

**Monday, May 18,
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.,
Regency Ballroom S
(Convention Level,
Hyatt Regency Orlando)**

The ATS Women's Forum is a highlight of the ATS International Conference, celebrating and supporting the advancement of women in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine.

For the first time in 2026, the Forum will feature a talk-show format, creating a lively and conversational space where attendees can learn from panelists at different stages of their careers. The discussion will explore leadership, mentorship, innovation, and balance, offering a wide range of perspectives on personal and professional growth.

This session is open to all participants, including women, allies, and advocates from all disciplines and career stages, and is designed to foster a supportive and inclusive environment.

Join us for this inspiring session during the ATS 2026 International Conference on Monday, May 18, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Together, we'll celebrate women leading change in science, medicine, and global health.



Kathleen Oare Lindell, PhD, RN, ATSF

Associate Professor and Mary Swain Endowed Chair in Palliative Care Health at the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. Lindell's work centers on improving care for patients with serious respiratory illness. She is the developer of A Program of SUPPORT™ for patients with Pulmonary Fibrosis and serves on the ATS Board of Directors



Alexandra Noël, PhD, MSc, BSc

Associate Professor and Director of the Inhalation Research Facility at Louisiana State University's School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Noël's research focuses on the pulmonary effects of environmental pollutants. She also serves as Chair of the ATS Membership Committee (2025–2026) and is a member of the NIH Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health



Annie Pardo, PhD

Distinguished Professor at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Dr. Pardo is a pioneer in biomedical research on fibrotic lung diseases and aging. She was the first non-U.S. woman to receive the ATS Recognition Award for Scientific Achievement and is a recipient of both Mexico's National University Award and National Science Award



Mary B. Rice, MD, MPH

Mark and Catherine Winkler Associate Professor of Environmental Respiratory Health and Director of the Center for Climate, Health, and the Global Environment (C-CHANGE) at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Dr. Rice's research explores the impact of air pollution and climate change on respiratory health. She also leads multiple NIH-funded programs and serves on the EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee



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How to Get Involved with ATS



How to Get Involved in ATS Assemblies

As a member you may join **one primary** Assembly and up to **two secondary** Assemblies, besides being able to get appointed to the ATS Committees. These are some ideas to get more involved in each assembly:

- Contact the [assembly chairs](#) to indicate your interest in getting involved with the various assembly projects, working groups, mentorship, and apprenticeship. These projects and relationships have the potential to result in statements, workshop reports/ conference proceedings, health technology assessments, systematic reviews, or clinical practice guidelines.
- Sign up for your [assembly's mentorship program](#) if available.
- Apply to your assembly apprenticeship program if available. This is a great way to get involved in an assembly committee (i.e., planning or programming committee).
- Attend your assembly membership meetings while at the ATS International Conference. Please refer to page 6 for meeting dates & times.

These meetings often serve as a networking springboard for members wishing to get involved with the organization: <https://thoracic.secure-platform.com:443/ats/solicitations/276/home>

The ATS is a member-driven organization. All conference programming and society decisions are made by members like you! By becoming an active member of ATS, you can have a direct impact on pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine and allergy through the development of ATS statements and guidelines, programs, meetings, and educational resources like webinars, podcasts, and training tools. Involvement in ATS provides an outstanding networking opportunity that is valuable for collaboration, career advancement, and advocacy. At first, the ATS and the ATS International Conference may seem overwhelming. However, once you start to understand the structure and how decisions are made, the ATS becomes much more navigable.

Here are some tips on how to get started:

- Involvement in the ATS requires membership to the ATS. If you are not a member yet, we have exciting news, [first year membership is FREE](#) for all domestic and international trainees! After the first year, trainee membership continues at a low cost until your formal training ends. This special program welcomes pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine trainees into the ATS community.
- Become an active member: There are two main ways to get involved in ATS. One way is through involvement on an ATS assembly, and the other is by getting appointed to an ATS committee (see side panels).
- Link up with the ATS on social media: Have more questions? Would you like to engage more with the ATS at your own pace? Follow the social media handles of the ATS organization, assemblies, interest groups, and journals. With a strong presence across multiple platforms, the ATS uses these channels to make announcements, share opportunities, and engage with you.

How to Get Appointed to an ATS Committee

The ATS committees help direct the ATS's activities. Committee appointments are made once a year by the ATS president-elect, with help from committee chairs. Though each committee roster is capped at number of members, regular turnover occurs to allow new voices to join each committee. Once you have selected preferred committees, contact the committee chairs to express your interest and volunteer for the committee at <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/committees>

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Related Events:

[Networking Exchange](#)

[Assembly Meetings](#)

1. There are so many sessions; where do I begin?

The Early Career Road Map is a great place to start! It highlights sessions likely to be of interest to early career members in adult and pediatric pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine or allergy. Also, check out the ATS App and filter sessions by your disease areas of interest or based on your career path (e.g. clinician, basic and translational scientist, physician scientist, or clinician educator). The Clinical Year in Review is a great resource for trainees—be sure to download via ATS APP before you attend!

2. There are so many people! How do I meet potential mentors, friends, and colleagues?

Networking is such a great opportunity at the ATS conference! Don't limit yourself to people you know and aim to network in both one-on-one and group settings. For one-on-one meetings, be sure to reach out via email beforehand to schedule. Many ATS members set aside time during the conference to meet with early career professionals! Also, there are several opportunities to meet peers at all stages of their career, including the Networking Exchange, Assembly Networking events, Networking Super Center, Diversity Forum, and the Women's Forum. Be sure to also check out the Assemblies for networking events.

3. How can I get involved in the International Conference?

For Conference programming, each assembly is allotted a specific number of slots for each type of session. The Program Committee for each assembly ranks various submissions. Have an idea for a session for next year's conference? Networking events and assembly meetings are great places to begin conversations. You can then submit your suggestions to the appropriate assembly during the call for input period which takes place immediately after the conference.

4. How can I prioritize wellness during the conference?

Since the conference spans a fair amount of physical distance and time, make sure to prioritize your comfort. Wear walkable shoes and comfortable clothing with layers (the convention centers can often be cool despite how warm it is outside!) Carry a small refillable bottle of water and use water stations throughout the conference area. Information about Lactation rooms, mobility assistance, and accessibility related features are available can be sent to: meetingservices@thoracic.org or visit the onsite information desk. Make plans to meet up with old and new friends! Check out the city and the local food scene!

5. How can I access CME?

The ATS is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The designation of AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ per session will be available within the conference program. Physicians should only claim the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. This live activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of ACCME and is free from the control of ineligible companies. The ATS is unable to offer AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ per sessions that include presentations made by industry-employed speakers if the topic of their presentation relates to a product or business line of their employer. Major symposia, postgraduate courses, core curriculum, meet the expert and keynote series are eligible for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Instructions on how to claim your CME credits will be available within the conference app and on the conference website.



Related Events:

[Assembly Membership Meetings](#)

6. How does the ATS work?

The day-to-day functions of the ATS relies on a dedicated staff of more than 90 employees, who work in offices in New York and Washington, D.C. The Society's leadership is represented by an Executive Committee comprised of the executive director and five elected officers that rotate. For more info: <https://site.thoracic.org/about-us/leadership-governance/ats-leadership>

7. Why should I get involved in the ATS?

As an ATS member, you can have a direct impact on pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine both nationally and internationally. Active members help the Society to develop statements and guidelines, create new educational programs, prioritize content for existing activities, and guide the political voice of the ATS. ATS leaders are actively soliciting the voice of early career members, so the best time to get involved is NOW! Click here or visit: [Click here or visit: https://site.thoracic.org/about-us/get-involved-with-ats-your-voice-matters](https://site.thoracic.org/about-us/get-involved-with-ats-your-voice-matters)

8. What are Assemblies, Sections and Committees?

The ATS is organized into 14 Assemblies and 3 Sections. Through these, ATS members review, analyze and disseminate science, organize advocacy efforts, promote networking, and plan conference and non-conference programming. To learn more about Assemblies and Sections please go to <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/assemblies-sections>

Committees are appointed groups of professionals with shared interests that shape and carry out the ATS's many activities. Committee members are selected annually via a nomination process in the months preceding each International Conference. To learn more about committees and how to get involved please go to <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/committees>

9. How can I be involved in the ATS, even after the Conference?

Reach out to committee chairs and fill out the [Get Involved! form](#), nominate yourself (or a colleague) for committees, submit programming ideas during the Call for Input, sign up for the Assembly specific mentoring programs that are offered annually, subscribe to ATS email updates, and follow [@atscommunity](#), and [@atsearlycareer](#) on Twitter/X and <https://bsky.app/profile/atsearlycareer.bsky.social> on Bluesky to keep up with webinars and other opportunities that may be of interest. Attending events hosted by your local ATS chapter can also be a great way to get involved. A list of local chapters can be found at <https://site.thoracic.org/membership/chapters/chapter-list>.

10. What is the Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) ?

In February 2001, former ATS president William J. Martin, II, MD, 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. To learn more please go to <https://site.thoracic.org/advocacy-patients/par>.