



Anatomy of ATS



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ATS History and Mission



Founded in 1905 as the American Sanatorium Association to prevent, control, and treat tuberculosis, the organization was renamed the American Trudeau Society in 1938 and the American Thoracic Society in 1960. Once the medical section of the American Lung Association, the Society became independently incorporated in 2000 as a 501 (c) (3) organization.

The mission of the ATS is to improve health worldwide by advancing research, clinical care, and public health in respiratory disease, critical illness, and sleep disorders. Broadly speaking, this mission is accomplished through six focus areas related to Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine:

- **Research** to advance knowledge of disease, treatment, prevention, and health services delivery;
- **Clinical services** to improve access, lower cost, and increase the quality of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine;
- **Education** to advance the state of continuing medical knowledge, and prepare the next generation of clinicians, researchers, and educators;
- **Advocacy** to advance local, state, national, and international policies that promote health, and prevent and treat illness, disease and disability;
- **Patient Health** to maximize the role of patients in advancing research, promoting health, and preventing and treating disease;
- **Global Health** to advance the state of research, health promotion, disease prevention, and treatment worldwide.

Leadership Structure



ATS Leadership Structure

The ATS leadership is a five-year commitment, in which an individual starts as Secretary-Treasurer, then progresses to President.

To begin the process, the Nominating Committee selects two candidates from solicited nominations. Then, the ATS membership votes, and the new Secretary-Treasurer is announced at the annual ATS International Conference.

Year 1: Secretary-Treasurer

Year 2: Vice President

Year 3: President-Elect

Year 4: President

Year 5: Immediate Past President

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ATS Assemblies



ATS is composed of a series of Assemblies, which are composed of ATS members with similar clinical, research, or educational interests. ATS members can join up to three Assemblies. Assemblies are the working groups of the ATS and are involved in activities such as developing ATS position papers, organizing sessions for the ATS International Conference, and supporting career development of fellows and early career faculty. Many Assemblies sponsor mentorship programs, early career professional groups, journal clubs, and other opportunities for networking with other ATS members.

Interested and motivated ATS members can also be appointed to one of several Assembly committees. These committees include a programming committee (selects content for the ATS International Conference), a planning committee (develops Assembly projects), a nominating committee (nominates Assembly leadership), and a web committee (creates online content). Many Assemblies also have working groups in which members focus on a specific project or shared interest.

To learn more about each Assembly, Assembly Committees, Assembly Early Career Professionals Working Groups (ECPWG), and to get involved, click or scan the QR Codes on this page and contact your Assembly chair or the chair of an Assembly committee or Early Career Professional Working Group.

List of Assemblies



List of Assemblies
ECPWGs



ATS Committees



Separate from the Assemblies, there are 28 Committees that 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 particular number of members, regular turnover occurs to allow new voices to join each Committee.

If you wish to get more information about a particular ATS Committee or would like to get involved, please scan the get involved QR code on the right and contact the Committee chair for more information.

Get involved



What Is the Members In Transition & Training (MITT) Committee?



That's a great question!

The MITT Committee is comprised of energetic, enthusiastic members of the ATS who are dedicated to ensuring that the voices of fellows and early career professionals worldwide are heard in the ATS. The MITT Committee advises the Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Assemblies, and other Committees on the needs, concerns, and wants of members in training or early in their careers. Working with other Committees and ATS members, the MITT Committee creates exciting and innovative resources and programs to assist fellows and early career professionals in achieving their career goals. The MITT Committee also supports the efforts of fellows and early career professional members in eliminating gender, racial, ethnic, and economic health disparities worldwide.

Some of the major projects and programs of the MITT Committee include:

- This brochure that you're reading right now!**
- The Road Map for Early Career Professionals**
- The Center for Career Development**
- The Faculty Development Series**
- Networking Exchange**
- The Consider This! brochures**
- The Fellowship Toolkit**
- The ATS Grant Resource Guide**
- The Student Scholars Program**

Early Career
Professionals Website:



Please click here or scan the QR code on the right to get access.

How Do I Get Involved?



The ATS is a member-driven organization; all decisions are driven by members like you! By becoming an active member of ATS, you can have a direct impact on Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine both nationally and internationally through the development of ATS statements and guidelines, programs and meetings, as well as educational and digital resources such as webinars, podcasts and Twitter Chats. In addition, involvement in ATS provides an outstanding networking opportunity valuable for collaborations, job searches, and letters of recommendation.

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:

- **First year membership is FREE:** First time domestic and international trainee members are eligible to join the ATS for free for one year. After this first year, trainee membership continues at a low cost with more of the benefits and value of full membership until your formal training ends. This special program welcomes Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine trainees into the ATS community.
- **Avail special membership discounts:** The Membership Hardship Relief Program (MHRP) provides assistance to active members of the ATS affected by devastating effects of natural disasters. The ATS also offers Dual Membership Discount Programs with the American College of Physicians (ACP), Asian Pacific Society of Respiratory (APSR), and European Respiratory Society.

To find out about first year FREE membership and other special membership programs, visit our special membership page here



How Do I Get Involved? *continued*

- **Become an active member:** 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. As a member, you may contact the Assembly chairs to indicate your interest in getting involved with the various Assembly projects and working groups. These projects have the potential to result in statements, workshop reports/conference proceedings, health technology assessments, systematic reviews, or clinical practice guidelines. You may also indicate your interest in taking part in mentorship programs hosted by select Assemblies.
- **Get involved during the ATS International Conference:** Assembly members may also indicate their interest in becoming involved in groups that assist in programming the ATS International Conference. While at the ATS International Conference, it is highly advised that members attend their respective Assembly business meetings. These meetings often serve as a spring board for members wishing to get involved with the organization.
- **Link up with us 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.

Find us on
Facebook, Twitter
and YouTube. Find
all the ATS social
media channels
here.



The ATS International Conference



The ATS International Conference is massive! This dynamic conference hosts close to 16,000 attendees from all over the WORLD who have come together to learn more about all aspects of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. In addition, healthcare providers and researchers from many other fields (i.e., cardiology, thoracic surgery, hospital medicine) attend the conference, resulting in a stimulating and productive collaborative environment.

The ATS also welcomes advanced practice providers, nurses, respiratory therapists, clinical research coordinators, and other research and healthcare professionals to the conference. One of the greatest strengths of the ATS International Conference is the inter-institutional and interprofessional opportunities to network, collaborate, and share ideas, to promote advances in scientific discovery and patient care.

Despite the size and breadth of the ATS International Conference, there are always opportunities to interact in smaller focused groups with other ATS members with similar interests. The ATS is divided into Assemblies, subdivisions within the Society composed of members with similar clinical and research interests, and there are even smaller committees within the Assembly structure. Assemblies, committees, and interest groups meet during the International Conference, for more one-on-one interaction in the midst of the large conference.

For more information
about the ATS
International
conference, visit
conference.thoracic.org



Early Career Professionals



The ATS is committed to helping medical students, residents, fellows, early career faculty and other early career professionals pursue a successful career in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. The ATS understands that the next medical breakthrough will be made by someone LIKE YOU – a member in training or an early career professional! Visit the career development page for more resources and career development tools.

Experts at the American Thoracic Society's Members in Transition and Training (MITT) Committee have compiled a Grant Resource Guide to direct early career investigators to various timely and prominent funding and support opportunities in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine.

Here is a highlight of all the sessions, events and scholarship programs to make your experience at the ATS International Conference a more rewarding experience:

- Center for Career Development**
- Faculty Development Seminars**
- Fellows Case Conference**
- Fellows Track Symposium**
- Innovation in Fellowship Education Program**
- Minority Trainee Development Scholarship (MTDS)**
- The Networking Exchange for Early Career Professionals**
- Resident Boot Camp Program**
- Student Scholars Program**
- New Faculty Boot Camp**

Click here or scan
for Early Career
Professionals Website:



Benefits of Membership



The ATS continues to grow, with over 18,000 members in 122 countries. Along with unparalleled opportunities for involvement, collaboration, and professional development, the ATS has several important benefits:

1. Subscriptions to three of the leading pulmonary and critical care medicine journals:
 - a. American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine (the “blue” journal)
 - b. American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (the “red” journal) online only
 - c. Annals of the American Thoracic Society (the “white” journal)
 - d. ATS Scholar: our new, online, open access education journal
2. Subscriptions to online newsletters relevant to Pulmonary and Critical Care medicine clinicians and researchers
3. Access to over 150 clinical statements and guidelines
4. Discounts on the International Conference and other ATS educational programs
5. Career development through Assembly membership and opportunities to get involved in ATS Committees

For a full list of benefits, visit atsjournals.org



ATS Research Program



100% of your research donation will support research.

Launch Your Career

The ATS Research Program supports early career investigators by offering unrestricted research grants. In 2019, the research program awarded grants to 25 young investigators totaling over \$1.2 million. These awards are made possible by the generosity of ATS members, donors, and corporate and nonprofit partners.

The grant cycle opens every spring. To be eligible you must have a faculty commitment and be within 12 years of your degree.

The ATS also offers other award opportunities including: The MECOR Program for global health, Medical Education Research, the Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award, and ATS Assembly Awards and Scholarships.

To learn more please visit
research.thoracic.org
or email
research@thoracic.org



Since 2004, the ATS Research Program has awarded **\$19.3 million** to **263 investigators**, both in the U.S. and internationally.



These researchers have gone on to receive **\$330 million** in federal funding.



That's a return of **\$17** per dollar awarded.

The ATS 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 ATS's activities. Today, ATS PAR is a partnership with organizations representing persons affected by respiratory diseases, critical illnesses, and sleep-related conditions. ATS collaborates with these patients and patient advocates to advance their shared educational, research, patient care, and advocacy missions.

To learn more please
visit
[thoracic.org/
patients/par](https://thoracic.org/patients/par)
or for more
information, please
email
par@thoracic.org

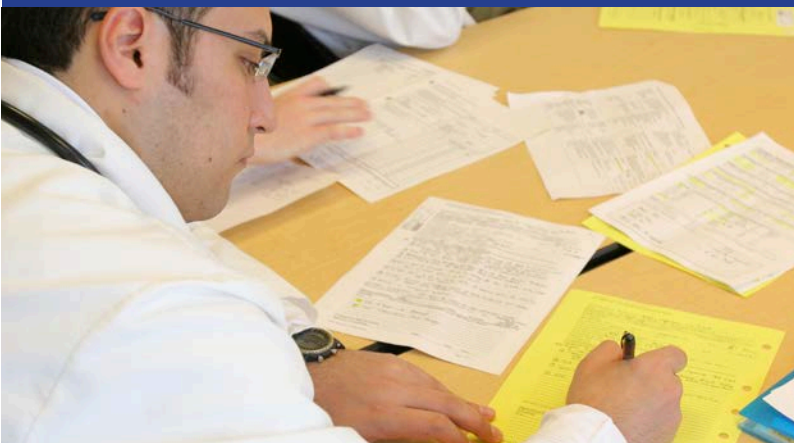


Where Can I Get Access to CME?



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 Credit(s)[™] per session will be available in January and in the Final 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 essential areas and policies of the ACCME and are free from the control of commercial interests.

Maintenance of Certification (MOC)



The American Thoracic Society offers several products to help busy clinicians stay on top of their Maintenance of Certification (MOC) as required by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). To learn how you can get MOC while at the Annual ATS International Conference please visit conference.thoracic.org/.



More Information About ATS

The ATS has a website designed to help early career professionals on their path to successful careers in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. To learn more about Career Development Center, visit thoracic.org/professionals/career-development.

As with all other aspects of the organization, the website is also **MEMBER-DRIVEN**, so if you can't find what you want there, please **HELP US CREATE IT!** Send an email to fellows@thoracic.org

To learn more,
visit the Career
Development Center
[thoracic.org/
professionals/
career-development](https://thoracic.org/professionals/career-development)

If you are interested in getting more involved, don't hesitate to contact an ATS staff member:
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