

Assembly on Critical Care (CC) Newsletter



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Message from the Assembly Chair

Dear friends in the Critical Care Assembly,

Time is going so quickly—it seems just yesterday that I began my three-year term of leadership in our terrific assembly. I had the honor of serving as Chair-elect with Dr. Michelle Gong 2022-2023, and began my solo year as chair at the International Conference in May 2023. Next month, I will begin my third and final year, serving along with a new Chair-elect who will be revealed in San Diego. It has been a privilege and delight to work with ATS and assembly staff, leadership, and membership—I have learned so much and am energized to continue to advance the work of our assembly and professional society with you.

The critical care community been challenged and is continuing to heal after the heavy burden that the COVID-19 pandemic laid on our personal and professional lives, as well as the ATS. We are learning to work as a community through fraught and polarizing times. I am so grateful for the many of you and others in ATS who have dealt with these challenges together with kindness, rigor, and unwavering focus on doing what is right for both our members and the ATS. I particularly want to thank those of you who have shared concerns about holding our International Conferences at venues that are safe for our members—thanks to your efforts, the ATS is working hard to provide robust virtual/hybrid options for our conferences, to work hard to promote safety, to increase our contribution to local advocacy at our conference locations, and to improve our process of selection of venues in the future. While still imperfect, I am heartened by the commitment to struggling together towards improvement.

Many things are changing for the better in our assembly and in the ATS. We are working hard to increase transparency and inclusion in all Critical Care Assembly activities—inviting applications for assembly committees as we focus on diversity of our committee members and leaders. We have expanded our program committee to include many more educators, with a goal of improving the experience of trainees who submit case reports, which has been a great success. We have expanded our Web Committee to provide more opportunities for participation as well. These improvements and more are highlighted in this newsletter. There are also exciting ATS-wide changes happening in education and governance —be on the lookout for information and please reach out with any questions.

I am hoping to see many of you at the upcoming International Conference next month in San Diego, California. I think you be amazed by the breadth, depth, and quality of critical care content! You are, of course, invited to the Critical Care Assembly’s Annual Membership Meeting on May 20th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. This will be a great time to catch up with your colleagues from around the country and get updated on the latest activities from the Critical Care Assembly.

The ATS International Conference is just one of many different ways to engage and stay active in the ATS Community throughout the year. We also invite you to:

- Submit session proposals for the 2025 International Conference in late June. This is your chance to shape the content of next year’s conference!
- Submit a proposal for Critical Care Assembly-sponsored projects such as clinical practice guidelines, policy statements, research statements, or workshop reports, which can influence clinical care, research agendas, and health policies. These are due in late July, and are a great way to deepen your involvement in ATS.
- Get involved in Working Groups or Special Interest Groups. Many are detailed below.
- Submit your name, interest, and expertise to an ATS-wide database to help us find you for opportunities in ATS.
- Submit abstracts for ATS 2025--usually due in late October or early November.
- Contribute to fundraising to support ATS, including joining the Research Benefit on Saturday May 18th.
- Advocate and support the missions of the critical care community of patients and providers at the federal and state government levels with our ATS advocacy groups.

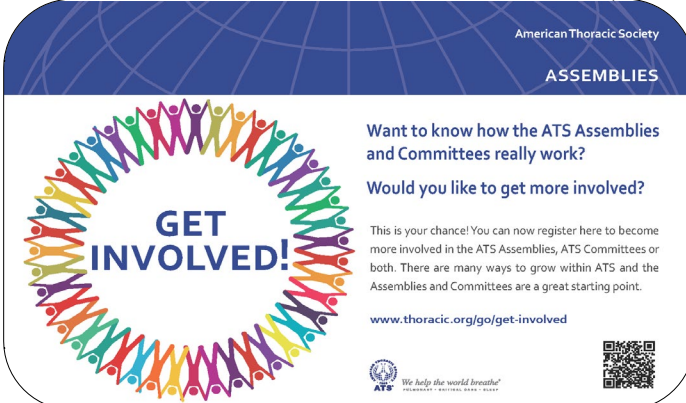
Again, it is my honor and privilege to lead this great assembly, and I’m looking forward to working with you for another year. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any ideas, questions, or concerns—I am here for you. I hope to see you in San Diego!

All my best,
Terri
C. Terri Hough, MD, MSc, ATS-F

Assembly on Critical Care (CC) Membership Meeting

**Monday, May 20, 2024
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Building: Marriott Marquis
Room: Grand Ballroom 5-6
Floor: Second Floor, Lobby Level**




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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Anica Law, MD, MSci (Chair)

The Critical Care Assembly Planning Committee reviewed and supported several excellent project proposals in August and September, including Workshop Reports, Research Statements, and Clinical Practice Guidelines spanning a wide range of important topics. We are thrilled that **three new projects** were ultimately selected by the ATS Program Review Committee for official ATS sponsorship: “A Research Agenda to Mitigate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in US Critical Care Medicine,” “Management of Noninvasive Respiratory Support for Acute Respiratory Failure,” “Physical Rehabilitation and Mobilization for Critically Ill Adult Patients, a joint ATS/ERS Clinical Practice Guideline.” Additionally, “Mechanical Ventilation in Adults with ARDS: A Clinical Practice Guideline Update” was supported for renewal, and the final official document was published this past fall. We thank the Assembly for submitting so many outstanding and important proposals; we encourage all members to submit proposals for Workshop Reports, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Clinical Practice Statement, Policy Statements, or Research Statements in June/July 2024.

In February, the Planning Committee reviewed the roster of Critical Care Assembly Official Documents for currency. Evidence in critical care is always rapidly evolving, and sunsetting documents that have been eclipsed by new data is as important as welcoming new documents. Two of the oldest clinical statements were reviewed in detail: “ICU-Acquired Weakness: An ATS Clinical Practice Guideline, 2014,” and “The Choosing Wisely Top 5 List in Critical Care Medicine: An Official ATS/AACN/ACCP/SCCM Statement, 2014.” Committee members identified opportunities for future official ATS projects, but ultimately felt like both documents remain relevant to today’s clinical practice and knowledge base.

In March, the Planning Committee will review nominations for the Critical Care Assembly Awards. We look forward to reviewing the exceptional group of nominees for the prestigious Early Career Achievement, International Early Career Achievement, Mid-Career Achievement, and Extraordinary Achievement Awards.

Finally, last year, the Planning Committee initiated a standardized process by which it accepts new members in order to improve transparency, equity, and balance within the Committee. We have continued the same process this year and appreciate all who submitted applications. We will be selecting our new members later this month and will announce them to the assembly at our membership meeting in San Diego this May.

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2025!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept **NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2025**. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly/Committee Project Applications. **Applications will be available on the ATS website on July 1st at www.thoracic.org**

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have a suggestion for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your **Assembly Planning Committee Chair Anica Law, MD MSci** at anicalaw@bu.edu.

For questions regarding submissions please contact Miriam Rodriguez
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PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Lauren Ferrante, MD, MHS, ATSF (Chair) and Nuala Meyer, MD, MS, ATSF (Chair-Elect)

We are delighted to share programming by the Critical Care Assembly at ATS 2024. Critical Care again received many outstanding session proposals this year, and we are fortunate to have programmed 8 scientific symposia, a joint scientific symposium with BSHSR, 3 postgraduate courses, 3 meet the expert sessions, and 2 midday sessions. Abstract programming includes 6 mini-symposia, 10 poster discussion sessions, 1 RAPiD session, and 22 thematic poster sessions.

In addition to the above sessions, we are thrilled to again have a **critical care keynote** at ATS 2024. The keynote address, "From Polio to COVID-19: Lessons in Ventilation From Our Past" will be given by Hannah Wunsch, MD, MSc on **Monday 5/20 at 8 a.m.**

We would like to express our deepest thanks to the members of the Program Committee for their time and dedication to developing this year's program. The Critical Care Assembly receives the largest number of abstract submissions, and we are grateful to each program committee member for their thoughtful reviews. We would also like to thank all of you – the membership of the Critical Care Assembly – for your session proposals and abstract submissions. We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

ATS 2024 International Conference Assembly on Critical Care (CC) Sessions

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Start Time	Session End Time
PG1A	CRITICAL CARE ULTRASOUND AND ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY I	Postgraduate Course	5/17/2024	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG10	WOMEN IN MEDICINE: EMPOWERING AND DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WOMEN LEADERS IN MEDICINE	Postgraduate Course	5/18/2024	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG1B	CRITICAL CARE ULTRASOUND AND ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY II	Postgraduate Course	5/18/2024	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
A23	INVESTIGATING HETEROGENEITY IN SEPSIS AND PNEUMONIA: TRIALS, COHORTS, AND PATIENT-ORIENTED RESEARCH	Poster Discussion Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
A24	EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE: RESPIRATORY FAILURE CASE REPORTS	Poster Discussion Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
A25	WORDS MATTER: COMMUNICATION AND PARTNERSHIP IN THE ICU	RAPiD Poster Discussion Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
A39	EDUCATING THE EDUCATORS: ADVANCES IN CRITICAL CARE MEDICAL EDUCATION	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A4	ICU EARLY MOBILIZATION: SHOULD WE KEEP MOVING OR MOVE ON?	Critical Care Track	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	10:45 AM
A40	IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES IN THE ICU	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A41	REVIEWING ALL THE SYSTEMS: ADVANCES IN NON-PULMONARY CRITICAL CARE	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A42	TREATING THE WHOLE PERSON IN AND AFTER THE ICU: HOLISTIC ICU CARE, TEAM COMMUNICATION, AND LONG-TERM OUTCOMES	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A43	SHOCK AND AWE: NOVEL SHOCK CASES IN THE ICU	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A44	4/4 BOTTLES OF WHAT?! ENDOCARDITIS AND BACTEREMIA CASE REPORTS	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A45	VARIETY IS THE SPICE OF LIFE: CRITICAL CARE CASE REPORT POTPOURRI	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM

MTE6	CAUSATION FROM OBSERVATION: HOW WILL OBSERVATIONAL "TRIALS" INFORM CRITICAL CARE IN 2025?	Meet the Expert	5/19/2024	11:30 AM	12:30 PM
A103	DYSREGULATED PATHWAYS IN SEPSIS AND LUNG INJURY: SEARCHING FOR TREATABLE TRAITS	Poster Discussion Session	5/19/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
A86	BEYOND THE BUNDLE: SEPSIS CARE BEFORE ARRIVAL AND AFTER SURVIVAL	Critical Care Track	5/19/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
A94	OPTIMIZING ICU PRACTICE, TEAMS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE	Mini Symposium	5/19/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B18	BRIDGING GAPS TO IMPROVE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES	Mini Symposium	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
B37	CRITICAL LAB VALUE ALERT! HORMONES AND ELECTROLYTES IN THE ICU	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B38	OPTIMIZING MECHANICAL VENTILATION AND VENTILATOR LIBERATION	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B39	MODELING MECHANICAL VENTILATION AND OXYGEN SUPPORT	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B4	EXTRACORPOREAL MEMBRANE OXYGENATION (ECMO) FOR SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD	Critical Care Track	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	10:45 AM
B40	COVID-19 EPIDEMIOLOGY IN 2024	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B41	INNOVATION INCUBATOR: NOVEL SEPSIS MECHANISMS AND MARKERS	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B42	ALPHABET SOUP: APLS, HLH, HUS, TTP, SCD, AND DIC IN THE ICU	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B43	"WE PROBABLY NEED AN ID CONSULT" - ATYPICAL INFECTIONS IN THE ICU	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B44	MITIGATING HARM: MANAGING EXPECTED AND UNEXPECTED COMPLICATIONS IN THE ICU	Thematic Poster Session	5/20/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B102	OPTIMIZING ICU PROCESSES AND CARE: ADOPTING BEST PRACTICES	Poster Discussion Session	5/20/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B103	PERSONALIZING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH ACUTE RESPIRATORY FAILURE	Poster Discussion Session	5/20/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
B84	INTEGRATING GERIATRIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES INTO CRITICAL CARE AND ICU RECOVERY	Critical Care Track	5/20/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C16	SEPSIS IN 2024: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE AND AROUND THE WORLD	Mini Symposium	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
C21	MIND, BODY AND AGING AFTER THE ICU: A CC/BSHSR COLLABORATIVE SESSION	Poster Discussion Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
C22	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE ICU: THE MACHINE WILL SEE YOU NOW	Poster Discussion Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
C39	PNEUMONIA AND SEPSIS: EPIDEMIOLOGY, TREATMENTS, AND OUTCOMES	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C4	CARE OF THE DYING IN THE ICU: END OF LIFE CARE IN 2024 AND BEYOND	Critical Care Track	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	10:45 AM
C40	ARDS AND ACUTE RESPIRATORY FAILURE: MECHANISM, RISK, AND OUTCOMES	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C41	PUMP YOU UP - ECMO AND CARDIAC DEVICE OPTIMIZATION	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C42	ALL ABOUT THE AIRWAYS AND ALVEOLI: RESPIRATORY FAILURE CASE REPORTS	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C43	BRAIN-STORMS: NEUROLOGIC CRITICAL CARE CASES	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM

C44	TOXIDROMES AND ADVERSE MEDICATION REACTIONS IN THE ICU	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C45	CARDIAC CRITICAL CARE: AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER	Thematic Poster Session	5/21/2024	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
MTE32	TEACHING IN THE ICU AT NIGHT	Meet the Expert	5/21/2024	10:30 AM	11:30 AM
C5	STATE OF THE SCIENCE ON ICU DELIRIUM	Jointly-Developed Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C104	BLEEDING AND CLOTTING AND EMBOLI, OH MY! HEMATOLOGIC CASES IN THE ICU	Poster Discussion Session	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
C83	WHEN SEPSIS GOES VIRAL: RECONSIDERING SEPSIS IN THE POST-COVID ERA	Critical Care Track	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C90	STATE OF THE SCIENCE ON ICU DELIRIUM	Jointly-Developed Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C96	PRECISION MEDICINE IN CRITICAL CARE: EXPLORING ARDS AND SEPSIS PHENOTYPES	Mini Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
D14	ACUTE RESPIRATORY FAILURE AND MECHANICAL VENTILATION: EXPANDING OUR BREADTH OF KNOWLEDGE	Mini Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	10:15 AM
D2	A NEW REALITY FOR CRITICAL CARE AFTER DOBBS	Critical Care Track	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D23	DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD! CRITICAL CARE CASES WITH NEUROLOGIC CONSEQUENCES	Poster Discussion Session	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	10:15 AM
MTE43	CRITICAL CARE MANAGEMENT OF THE LUNG TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT	Meet the Expert	5/22/2024	10:30 AM	11:30 AM
D103	BE PREPARED! RARE PRESENTATIONS AND TREATMENTS IN THE ICU	Poster Discussion Session	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
D81	MONEY AND THE ICU: FINANCIAL MOTIVATORS AND CONSEQUENCES OF CRITICAL CARE	Critical Care Track	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D94	EQUITY IN CRITICAL CARE: UNVEILING DISPARITIES IN ACCESS, OUTCOMES, AND RESEARCH INCLUSION	Mini Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	1:00 PM

ATS 2024 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Start Time	End Time
C88	HEALTH EQUITY ACROSS PEDIATRIC PULMONARY DISEASES	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C89	HIV-RELATED LUNG DISEASE: UPDATES IN PATHOPHYSIOLOGY, CLINICAL TRIALS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C86	PULMONARY REHABILITATION - KEEPING THE WHEEL ROLLING FORWARD	Scientific Symposium	5/21/2024	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
D11	ON THE HORIZON: NEW, NOVEL, AND CUTTING EDGE FOR NONTUBERCULOUS MYOBACTERIA (NTM)	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D6	WHAT CAUSES SARCOIDOSIS?	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D5	TIME-LIMITED TRIALS IN CRITICAL CARE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D7	WHERE CHILDREN LEARN AND BREATHE: THE IMPACT OF SCHOOL-BASED EXPOSURES ON CHILDHOOD RESPIRATORY HEALTH	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM

D8	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION BIOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT? AN ATS/ERS JOINT SYMPOSIUM	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D9	LINKING NOVEL MULTI-OMICS WITH MACHINE LEARNING TO UNLOCK LUNG PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D10	TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK: MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES FOR HIGH-QUALITY LUNG CANCER SCREENING	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
CS1	CHAIR SYMPOSIUM	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D83	RESPIRATORY HEALTH IMPACTS OF HUMAN MADE DISASTERS AND NATURAL DISEASTERS, WILDFIRES, EARTHQUAKES, AND VOLCANOES.	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D84	EMERGENT RESISTANCE TO NEW DRUGS FOR MDR-TB TREATMENT	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D85	ONE TO RULE THEM ALL? IMMUNE CELLS CONTROL STEM CELL CAPACITY IN THE LUNG	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM
D86	AMBULATORY CRITICAL CARE: A BENCH TO BEDSIDE UNDERSTANDING OF CHRONIC RESPIRATORY FAILURE	Scientific Symposium	5/22/2024	11:00 AM	12:30 PM

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Sarina Sahetya, MD, MHS (Web Director)

The Web Committees across ATS will be getting a new name soon! Web Committees will be transitioning to the Digital Content Committee, which we hope reflects the broad spectrum of activities we bring to the assemblies. With this, the ATS website will also be getting an update which has been years in the making.

The Critical Care Assembly Web Committee continues to try to bring high quality content to the members in the form of social media, podcasts, and webinars. Dominique Pepper continues his high-quality work on the *Critical Perspective* podcast and Matt Stutz highlights an expert's approach to common clinical questions in his *At the Bedside* podcast. Our new Web Apprentice, Divya Shankar, is reinvigorating the *Elevator Pitch* podcast to highlight accomplishments of CCA members. Stay tuned for a special *Elevator Pitch* series about our CCA leaders.

Our social media team led by Nick Ingraham and Cathy Gao are disseminating important content and opportunities via our @ATSCritCare Twitter/X account. We have reached over 12,600 followers. Make sure to follow us at @ATSCritCare to stay up to date on all the important Critical Care Assembly initiatives and for live-tweeting during the ATS 2024 Conference! Stay tuned for an additional ATS Critical Care + Pulm PEEPs podcast collaboration highlighting some of our Critical Care Symposia from the upcoming conference.

Finally, we are looking for 1-2 additional members who are interested in joining our Web Committee with a focus on expanding our web based offerings particularly for journal clubs and webinars. Please contact the Web Committee Chair Sarina Sahetya at ssahetya@jh.edu if you are interested.



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Be sure to follow us at @ATS_Assemblies for news on webinars, deadlines, and other things you might have missed in your inbox!

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONAL WORKING GROUP (ECPWG)

Rachel Kohn, MD, MSCE & Nandita Nadig, MD, MSci, ATSF (Co-Chairs)

The ECPWG promotes representation of the views of the early career professionals within the Assembly on Critical Care (CCA) and opportunities to become more involved in the CCA.

Our objectives are to:

- Create avenues for early career professionals of the CCA to get more involved with the Assembly and the ATS including:
 - [Mentorship program](#)
 - [Early career professionals database](#) and [grand rounds speaking opportunities](#)
- Improve access to participation by early career members in the International Conference program:
 - Collaborate with the program committee to place early career members as session facilitators/moderators
 - [Teaching competition](#)
 - Networking event at the International Conference
- Connect and engage early career members:
 - [Social media presence](#)
 - Web content: podcasts, online journal club, [ECP Highlights](#)

Our multidisciplinary membership includes a diverse group of clinicians, educators, administrators, and researchers in critical care that lead the ECPWG projects below:

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Speakers roster	Pat Lyons	lyonspa@ohsu.edu
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This year's highlights for the ECPWG included:

- Selecting three outstanding apprentices for the Program, Planning, and Web Committees.

- Hosting a Fireside Chat on “What I learned in my early career: Basic researcher edition” with Drs. Nuala Meyer and Mark Looney which was attended by more than 50 participants.
- Organizing the mentorship program with a total of 28 mentors and 22 mentees.
- Featuring 8 early career professionals in the [ECP Highlights program](#).
- The ECPWG Twitter account, led by the project group, continued to produce informative content, and now has >12,600 followers.
- Organizing two Early Career Professional Grand Rounds events with >30 participants in each session, including senior Assembly members from academia and the NIH.

If you are interested in joining the ECPWG or one of its project groups, please fill out a submission in the [Assemblies Get Involved database](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rachel Kohn, MD, MSCE (rachel.kohn2@penncare.upenn.edu) or Nandita Nadig, MD, MSCR, ATSF (nandita.nadig@nm.org), ECPWG Co-Chairs.

Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? The Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentee to meet.

Marriott Marquis

Vista, Level 1, South

Sunday, May 19th – Monday, May 20 from 6 am to 6 pm

Please note, this space is exclusively for Mentoring Program participants

ATS Contact- Tiana Lino at tlino@thoracic.org

AGING IN CRITICAL CARE INTEREST GROUP

Lauren Ferrante, MD, MHS, ATSF & Nathan Edward Brummel, MD, MSci, ATSF (Co-Chairs)

The Aging in Critical Care Interest Group is a collaborative, interdisciplinary group of critical care experts with a multipronged focus on improving the health of older adults across the spectrum of critical illness and recovery. We strive to identify and develop patient-centered, aging-focused research priorities across the spectrum of critical illness and recovery, enhance the integration of principles of geriatrics and models of geriatric care into critical care medicine training and professional development, and increase awareness of important clinical care issues faced by older adults with critical illness.

Our multidisciplinary membership has grown to include aging-focused groups across pulmonary & critical care medicine, including a Critical Care subgroup, Lung Aging Biology subgroup, Clinical Pulmonary subgroup, and Palliative Care subgroup. Together these aging-focused groups represent many of the wide-ranging interests of the ATS membership.

Subgroup Co-Chairs

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Nathan Brummel, MD MSCI and Lauren Ferrante, MD MHS

Lung Aging Biology

Irfan Rahman, PhD, ATSF, Beata Kosmider, MS, PhD, Benjamin D. Singer, MD, ATSF, Mareike Lehmann, PhD

Clinical Pulmonary

Leah Witt, MD, and Anand Iyer, MD

Palliative Care

Anand Iyer, MD, and Donald Sullivan, MD MA MCR

If you are interested in joining the Aging Interest Group or one of its subgroups, please reach out to Lauren Ferrante (lauren.ferrante@yale.edu) or Nathan Brummel (nathan.brummel@osumc.edu).

This year's activities for the Aging in Critical Care Interest Group include the following highlights:

- We are honored to host a Clin-STAR Distinguished Professor, Dr. Ken Covinsky at the 2024 International Conference. Dr. Covinsky is the Edmund G. Brown, Sr., Distinguished Professor in Geriatrics at UCSF. His research focuses on factors that lead to disability in older persons. He is also an international leader in the science of prognostication in older persons, and his work has proven that patient-centered measures of day-to-day function are crucial determinants of health outcomes in older persons. At the international conference, Dr. Covinsky will give a lecture in two of our scientific symposia: "State of the Science on ICU Delirium" and "Integrating Geriatric Principles and Practices into Critical Care and ICU Recovery." He will also moderate a poster discussion session, "Mind, Body, and Aging after the ICU: a CC/BSHSR Collaborative Session," lead informal mentoring sessions, participate in aging-focused poster sessions, and attend the Aging in Critical Care Interest Group Meeting on Tuesday, May 21st from 6-7pm. If you would like to meet with Dr. Covinsky for a 1:1 mentoring session during ATS 2024, please email Lauren Ferrante (lauren.ferrante@yale.edu). For more information about the NIA-funded Clin-STAR program, which provides a national platform for aging-focused clinician-scientists (with funding, networking, and mentorship opportunities), please visit clin-star.org.
- We were fortunate to have two scientific symposia programmed at the 2024 International Conference:
 - Monday 2:15-3:45pm: "Integrating Geriatric Principles and Practices into Critical Care and ICU Recovery"
 - Tuesday 2:15-3:45pm: "State of the Science on ICU Delirium" (co-sponsored with BSHSR)
- We have also programmed a poster discussion session with aging-focused abstracts from the CC and BSHSR assemblies:
 - Tuesday 9:15-11:15am: "Mind, Body, and Aging after the ICU: a CC/BSHSR Collaborative Session"
- Our annual Interest Group Meeting will be held in-person on Tuesday evening from 6-7pm. Members of all subgroups should plan to attend and we welcome new members! The location will be announced in a future email and posted on the Interest Group webpage. We look forward to seeing you there!
- We maintain the ATS Toolkit for Age-Friendly Pulmonary/Critical Care Best Practices is an educational toolkit focused on caring for older adults with critical illness and lung disease. This toolkit, which can be found on the [Interest Group webpage](#), is maintained by Adrian Austin MD MSCR, Lauren Pollack MD, and Leah Witt MD.
- Our members are giving aging-focused talks in multiple sessions during the 2024 International Conference. We will compile this content and send it to the group's members before the conference in May.

Aging in Critical Care Interest Group Meet-Up

Tuesday, May 21st from 6 - 7 p.m.

Location TBA in a future email & posted on the interest group webpage:

<https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/interest-groups/aging.php>

Members of all subgroups should plan to attend, and we welcome new members! We look forward to seeing you there!

WOMEN IN CRITICAL CARE (WICC) INTEREST GROUP

Hayley B. Gershengorn, MD, FCCM, ATSF (Chair) & Jenny Han, MD (Chair-Elect)

The Women in Critical Care (WICC) Interest Group is turning 8 years-old in 2024 and we continue to grow. With over 100 members, we meet quarterly to discuss how to support and expand opportunities for women in our specialty.

To this end, we have 4 standing subcommittees:

- Research (co-chaired by Elizabeth Viglianti, Kelly Vranas, and Geeta Mehta)
- Mentorship (co-chaired by Jenny Han and Janice Liebler)
- WICC within ATS (co-chaired by Abigail Chua, Ellen Burnham, and Terri Hough)
- WICC outside ATS (co-chaired by Khalil Diab and Alison Fox-Robichaud)

WICC is a home for ATS members (irrespective of gender) to discuss issues pertaining to women in critical care. If you are interested in getting involved, please email me (hbg20@med.miami.edu) or our incoming Chair, Jenny Han (jehan2@emory.edu). Also, please feel free to join us at ATS IC on Monday, May 20, 2024 before the Critical Care Assembly Membership Meeting in the hotel lobby bar.

Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers

Sunday, May 19th from 3 - 5 p.m.
San Diego Convention Center
Sails Pavilion Terrace (Upper Level)

The ATS Science and Innovation Center (SIC) working group and the PhD working group, would like to invite PhDs and other Basic Science Researchers to a special reception event. The reception will provide an intimate setting for networking while also allowing guests to mingle. Cocktails will be provided.

Register Here: <https://conference.thoracic.org/program/events/reception-phd-other-basic-science-researchers.php>