

infant and pediatric mortality and morbidity due to lung disease.

- Foster and support international membership.

## Why participate in the Pediatrics Assembly?

Assembly participation is the primary mechanism by which members meet and network with individuals who share similar interests. These interactions allow members to experience the ATS on a smaller and more manageable scale. In addition, the Pediatrics assembly partners with other ATS assemblies to program the annual International Conference, as well as create and update ATS official documents. The following are some specific activities in which early career professionals, including faculty, fellows, post-doctoral trainees, residents, and medical and graduate students, can actively participate:

- Interact with academic and clinical leaders in the fields of pediatric pulmonology, sleep medicine, critical care, and neonatology through assembly leadership and collaborative projects.
- Attend face-to-face meetings with the potential for establishing mentorship relationships with others in your field of interest.
- Participate in opportunities to become more involved in the International Conference, such as chairing a session or facilitating a poster session.
- Discuss research ideas and collaborate with ATS members who share similar scientific interests, with opportunities to engage in projects that span across research disciplines, diseases, and training backgrounds.
- Participate in the development of platforms to impact the direction of ATS activities, projects, and policies

## How to become involved in the Pediatrics Assembly?

The best way to become involved in the Pediatrics Assembly is to attend the annual Membership Meeting, typically held early Sunday evening, during the

International Conference. At this meeting, the assembly chair updates the membership on important issues, committee chairs provide updates on activities, and an ATS officer provides an overview on the ATS. In addition to attending the meeting, you can also become involved in the Pediatric Assembly through these additional avenues:

- If you are not a member of ATS, JOIN NOW! Visit the ATS Web site and click on the members tab to see various membership options.
- If you are a member, update your ATS profile by visiting the ATS website, clicking on the members tab, select "Update Your Profile" and follow the instructions on how to designate the Pediatrics Assembly as either a primary or secondary assembly.
- Volunteer and serve on one of the Pediatrics Assembly's standing committees: the Planning Committee, Program Committee, Nominating Committee, and Web Committee. Serving on a Committee is a great way to advance science, meet people and advance your own career. Interested members should contact the respective Committee Chairs, which can be found on the PEDS web page under "Officers and Committees" on the ATS website.
- Submit abstracts to the International Conference
- Submit proposals or ideas for assembly projects and for symposia, sunrise seminars and post-graduate courses for the International Conference.
- Most importantly, before, during or after the assembly meeting at the international conference, introduce yourself to the assembly leadership and any member that you meet.
- Register and attend the annual Founders Award dinner. It is a great way to introduce yourself to the Pediatric leadership or simply to reconnect with friends and colleagues.
  - Participate in the monthly journal clubs.

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*The Assembly on  
Pediatrics*



## Welcome

We would like to personally introduce you to the ATS Assembly on Pediatrics (PEDS).

### Who are we?

The ATS Assembly on Pediatrics is committed to promoting the respiratory health of children and adolescents and to improving the care of children with respiratory disease through research, education, patient care, and advocacy. The Assembly has an international multidisciplinary membership that includes pediatric sub-specialists in pulmonology, allergy-immunology, sleep medicine, neonatology, and critical care (and related disciplines), nurses, respiratory therapists, and others. The Assembly serves as advisor to the ATS on child health issues and works together with other national and international organizations toward our common mission of improving the health of children.

### What do we do?

- Promote and support clinical and basic research and the discovery of new knowledge.
- Provide a forum for presentation of basic and clinical investigative work in all aspects of normal and abnormal respiratory system growth and development and in respiratory diseases of infants, children, and adolescents.
- Assist the ATS in developing and managing a research and training agenda in pediatric lung disease.
- Provide advice and direction to all agencies and organizations that fund research in pediatric respiratory disease.
- Increase funding for research and training in pediatric pulmonary disease.
- Identify research opportunities and priorities in pediatric respiratory related illnesses.
- Act as an advocate and catalyst to focus and coordinate the research efforts sponsored by government agencies, private corporations and health related foundations interested in pediatric respiratory diseases.
- Foster the transfer of pediatric pulmonary research information to clinicians, patients, their families, and the public.
- Support and foster the highest quality of patient care for all children and adolescents with respiratory illnesses.
- Promote the care of acute and chronic respiratory disease in infants, children, and adolescents; including diagnostics (non-invasive and invasive assessment of lung structure and function) and therapeutic methods (pharmacotherapy, mechanical ventilation, respiratory therapy and others).
- Promote the care and investigation of critically ill infants and children with particular emphasis on new knowledge that can be translated to the patient.
- Establish guidelines for optimal patient care for children with respiratory conditions.
- Promote the development and application of ethical standards in patient care.
- Identify areas of uncertainty in clinical decision making in pediatric respiratory disease and advocate research efforts to resolve them.
- Participate in ensuring universal access to health care services for children.
- Support a coordinated effort among health care professionals in establishing clinical practice guidelines for pediatric lung disease.
- Participate in public health prevention programs designed to preserve lung health in children.
- Disseminate new scientific information in pediatric respiratory disease through regional, national and international scientific meetings.
- Facilitate the interpretation and transfer of both new research findings and existing information to the clinical practitioner, patients and families.
- Educate the public about the prevention, management and care of pediatric respiratory disease and the promotion of lung health.
- Promote training in all pediatric subspecialties that care for children who have acute and chronic respiratory disease.
- Develop state-of-the-art educational materials, including electronic journals, computer-based education, teleconferencing, telemedicine, and asynchronous learning networks, etc.
- Provide a forum for initiatives aimed at improving children's respiratory health and to provide leadership in influencing health care policy affecting children.
- Evaluate the interrelationships between delivery of pediatric health care, health care costs and health care policy.
- Provide a resource for those outside the Assembly and the ATS who are interested in obtaining information pertaining to children's respiratory health.
- Advise government and non-government agencies in matters of common interest including clinical practice and research related to children's lung health.
- Participate in the development and refinement of health care policy pertaining to children with respiratory conditions.
- Develop a framework for dialogue between health care providers, payers and patients to evaluate health care policy issues in pediatric pulmonology.
- Assist developing countries in training health care workers and implement measures that will decrease