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Other ways to get involved in the BS/HSR assembly

- Contact the Web Director for our assembly to contribute journal club and other web content.
- Serve on a standing committee: Web Committee, Planning Committee or Program Committees. The Web Committee is especially good for early career professionals looking to get involved.
- Attend the BS/HSR Program Committee meeting bright and early at 6:30 AM on the Tuesday during the International Conference to collaborate in the development of sunrise seminars, post-graduate courses, symposia, and workshops.
- Contact the leadership of BS/HSR Assembly.
- Join the Medical Education Section

We are open to new ideas!

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You can now register to become more involved in the ATS Assemblies, ATS Committees or both.

There are many ways to grow within ATS and the Assemblies and Committees are a great starting point.

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Welcome

to the ATS Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research (BS/HSR).

Who are we and what are our research interests?

Our assembly is home to research experts in psychology, medical education, adherence to therapy, clinical epidemiology, health disparities, statistics, health services research, health economics, comparative clinical efficacy and effectiveness research, patient-centered outcomes research, performance measurement, quality improvement, and implementation science.

The BS/HSR Assembly is also home to the Section on Medical Education. The Section on Medical Education promotes the practice and science of medical education within ATS. The Section on Medical Education is a member home within ATS for scholarly exchange regarding best practices and research in teaching, pedagogic innovations, education design, teaching skills, and education outcomes assessment. The section also seeks to support the career development of medical educators and education researchers across all ATS Assemblies.

With the development of the Patient Centered Outcomes Institute in 2010, an initiative launched by the Affordable Care Act, there is increasing interest in ensuring that prevention, diagnosis, and treatment decisions are patient-centered. This will involve work in areas in which the BS/HSR Assembly has historically been strong. We encourage all ATS members to learn more about patient-centered care and research.

Why participate in the BS/HSR?

Assembly participation is the primary mechanism by which ATS members become involved in the ATS as a whole, and Assemblies allow members to experience the ATS on a smaller and more manageable scale. The BS/HSR Assembly in collaboration with other Assemblies is responsible for the annual International Conference content and creating and updating ATS Guidelines, Statements, and Workshop Reports. The following are some specific advantages for fellows, postdoctoral trainees and junior faculty to actively participate in the BS/HSR:

- Meet and develop collaborations with academic and clinical leaders in the field of behavioral science and health services research through assembly activities and projects.
- Sharing of common or similar interests, with opportunities to engage in projects across research disciplines, disease management pathways, and training backgrounds.

- Becoming acquainted with your peers (and them getting to know you!) is an important part of establishing a successful career. The annual BS/HSR membership meeting is a dedicated time for networking with your peers and colleagues at different institutions.
- Learn about opportunities to become a faculty member at the ATS Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical and Operations Research (MECOR) program, an intensive one-week course for physicians and other healthcare professionals in respiratory, critical care, and sleep medicine in middle and low-income countries. For more information on the MECOR program visit the ATS web site under “About Tab” and under “Global Public Health”.
- Opportunities at the International Conference to chair symposia or mini-symposia and/or facilitate poster discussion or thematic poster sessions.
- Eligibility for BS/HSR Awards, including the Early Career Achievement and the Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- Networking with colleagues doing similar work with the opportunities to establish research collaborations or mentoring opportunities.

How to become involved in BS/HSR activities

Please attend the annual membership meeting, generally held late Sunday afternoon during the international conference. At this meeting, the assembly chair updates the membership on important issues, Committee Chairs give updates on their committees, and an ATS officer provides an update on the ATS. The annual meeting is generally preceded by a reception. Before and after the meeting, introduce yourself to the assembly leadership (we’re all very friendly); we’re always looking to get new members involved.