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the Professionals tab and clicking on Clinical Resources/Critical Care

And specifically for Early Career Professionals:

- Volunteer to serve on the Assembly Early Career Professionals Working Group, which offers young investigators the opportunity to establish themselves as contributing members of the Assembly and offer support and guidance to others.
- Participate in the Assembly Mentorship Program, which pairs junior professionals with a senior member to foster career development.
- Submit your abstract to CC specific abstract categories so that you can become eligible for Assembly Scholarships

Further information about all these initiatives and opportunities can be accessed via the ATS Assembly on Critical Care web page on the ATS website.

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## Get Involved!

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

We would like to personally introduce you to the ATS Assembly on Critical Care (CC).

### Who are we and what are our clinical and research interests?

Our assembly is the largest Assembly of the American Thoracic Society. Our membership consists of a diverse group of adult and pediatric intensivists and other allied health care professionals involved in the care of critically ill patients, including both clinicians and physician-scientists. The primary goal of the Assembly is to improve the care of the critically ill through education, research, and professional development. Areas of interest among CC members encompass:

- Acute lung injury/Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)
- Sepsis
- Mechanical ventilation
- Ventilator-induced lung injury
- Pediatric critical care
- Global health and the critically ill
- Clinical trials in critically ill patients
- Health services research
- Palliative care and end-of-life issues
- Cardiovascular disease
- ICU management and administration
- Multi-system organ failure
- Non-pulmonary critical care
- Aging and critical illness
- Clinical studies, translational studies, and basic science relevant to the above topics

### Why you should join the CC Assembly?

Joining an Assembly is the best way to meet and interact with researchers that share similar interests. Overall, the ATS includes more than 15,000 members, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed. By joining the Assembly on Critical Care, you will be joining a group with a broad range of clinical and research interests closely aligned with your own, and that makes participating in the ATS easier due to its more manageable scale. Assemblies are responsible for planning the program of the annual International Conference in addition to creating and updating ATS Official Documents like Guidelines, Research Statements and Workshop Reports.

For early career professionals and trainees, there are several activities that the Assembly on Critical Care has to offer:

- The prospect for professional and social interactions with leaders in the field of critical care
- The CC Mentoring Program, which aligns junior faculty and trainees with a more established member of the Assembly for advice and encouragement about the International Conference and/or career path

- The CC Membership Meeting at the annual International Conference, where you can meet your peers, share common interests, discuss projects, and witness the presentation of CC specific awards to eligible assembly members, including abstract scholarships for outstanding junior investigators
- Opportunities at the International Conference to chair symposia, facilitate poster discussion sessions, present ideas, and win awards in a friendly and welcoming environment

### How to become involved in Critical Care activities

As individuals and as an assembly, we welcome the opportunity to meet new people, to hear your ideas, and to help you get involved with the ATS. The best way to learn about the assembly, link with peers, socialize with old friends or meet new ones, and connect with assembly members is simple: attend the CC Membership Meeting at the annual International Conference.

In addition, there are many other ways to get involved -- for example:

- Update your ATS Profile by visiting the ATS website, clicking on the "Members" tab and selecting "Update Your Profile" and following instructions on how to designate the Critical Care Assembly as either a primary or secondary assembly.
- Serve on one of the CC Assembly standing committees: Program Committee, Planning Committee, Web Committee or Nominating Committee.
- Submit Scientific Symposium, Sunrise Seminar, and Post-Graduate Course proposals for the annual International Conference to the Assembly Program Committee.
- Participate in online journal clubs offered by the CC Assembly, and/or use our online clinical resources by visiting the ATS website and selecting