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Hello, I am Ellen Volker, the Director of Interventional Pulmonology at National Jewish Health in Denver. I have had the privilege of contributing to the AABIP/AIPPD organizations in several ways over the years. I have served as a manuscript reviewer of JOBIP since 2015. I started my work for the AABIP annual conference in 2019 as co-chair of the Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopy subcommittee, followed by co-chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the 2022 Annual Conference, and most notably, as the chair of the Scientific Program Committee for the 2023 Annual Conference. In addition to building the traditional agenda, several new highlights to the conference program were introduced including hands-on simulation sessions, abstract lightening rounds, and rapid e-poster presentations.

With respect to education, I have served as Associate Director, then Director of the UCH/NJH IP fellowship. I also have served as co-director of the AIPPD robotic bronchoscopy course since 2022 which includes the development and continued update of the didactic and hands-on course experience for IP fellows.

As Director of Interventional Pulmonology at NJH, I am dedicated to programmatic growth and ensuring the delivery of expeditious, guideline-driven care to all patients with lung nodules and IP needs. I implemented guidelines for patient referral triage and bronchoscopy. I expanded our services to a partner hospital who cares for the uninsured, which also allowed for the establishment of a telehealth program for patients in rural Colorado with IP needs. I also helped to establish the LCS program and provide physician oversight to two Intermountain Health lung cancer screening and incidental nodule programs. I have also revived the NJH IP research program.

I would consider serving on the AABIP Board of Directors a great honor that would further allow me to contribute to our community and the continued advancement of our exciting discipline.