AABIP’s Vision: The American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology is the leader in helping patients breathe easier and live longer through minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutic interventions.

AABIP’s Mission: The mission of the American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology is to advance the care of patients with thoracic diseases through the synergy of innovative technologies, minimally invasive procedures, and transformative education and research.

President’s Corner

Due to the enthusiasm, engagement and dynamism of our members, the American Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (AABIP) continues to expand its core mission of providing excellent service and membership value. One of the newest additions to our portfolio of educational products is the Inaugural AABIP International Conference scheduled to take place at the Denver Convention Center, Colorado from August 23rd- 25th, 2018. This is the only North American-based conference that is solely dedicated to the art and science of advanced diagnostic bronchoscopy and interventional pulmonology. This will serve as the premier forum for our AABIP community to interact closely with each other and engage vigorously in advancing current concepts and cutting-edge advances in minimally invasive techniques for the diagnosis, staging and management of patients with thoracic diseases. The conference will not only feature the famous pioneers and thought leaders of Interventional Pulmonology (IP), but will also showcase our dynamic younger generation of rising stars. There will be numerous interactive sessions, workshops, technology expositions, and social activities along with an excellent venue to showcase your own research work during the posters and abstracts sessions. We also plan to honor all our recently board certified Interventional Pulmonologists at a celebratory Convocation reception where they will receive recognition by their colleagues and the board of AABIP. Social activities will be capped off with a Gala dinner where you can mingle with your colleagues in a collegial and stress-free environment while cultivating long-lasting personal and academic relationships.

On a personal note, August is my favorite time of the year in Colorado for the gorgeous and crisp long summer days and cool and starry nights. In summer, the mountains, lakes, and rivers turn into vast playgrounds for Coloradans and visitors from all over the world. Whether you have one day or one week to enjoy in the mountains, you and your family will experience a unique connection with nature in the serene mountains and the abundant wildlife found a mere 90 minutes’ drive from downtown Denver. I strongly encourage everyone to join us in this wonderful academic and family-friendly event in the picturesque Rocky Mountains.

Special points of interest:

• President’s Corner
• Inaugural AABIP International Conference
• AABIP Spring Research Symposium
• AABIP Chapters update
• AABIP Education Committee updates
• Advanced Practice Providers Enrichment Series
• Interaction Between Interventional Pulmonology and Thoracic Surgery
• Upcoming Webinars
We continue to redouble our efforts to engage and grow our membership. The AABIP membership committee is actively encouraging and supporting several regional chapters and interest groups.

Our newest groups include a Pleural Diseases Interest Group led by Dr. Fabian Maldonado, an Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopy Steering Committee led by the Executive Committee of the AABIP, and the Anesthesiologists in Interventional Pulmonology Group led by Dr. Mona Sarkiss.

If you desire more information about any of these groups or would like to propose a new group, please reach out to the Chair of the AABIP Membership Committee, Dr. David Hsia.

The AABIP Education committee continues to expand our repertoire of educational products for the busy clinician. The AABIP Knowledge Assessment tool is a self-study guide for those preparing for the IP Boards or simply wanting a quick refresher. We also offer monthly cutting-edge interactive webinars featuring national and international leading scientists and clinicians to help you improve different aspects of your practice. As usual, we are putting together a robust academic and hands-on program for the Post Graduate Course at CHEST 2018 along with thought provoking research symposia during both ATS 2018 and CHEST 2018.

AABIP remains committed to providing value to anyone and everyone interested in advanced diagnostic and therapeutic bronchoscopy or pleural diseases regardless of their membership or board certification status.

We are also deeply committed to listening to our membership and being responsive to your needs. Under the leadership of Dr. Abdul Alraiyes, our social media director, the AABIP is very active on Facebook and Twitter. Please like and follow us on both [AABIP Facebook page](#), Twitter account [@AAB_IP](#) as well as give us your feedback. We are also available to respond via email and by phone for any concerns or feedback.

Ali I. Musani, MD
AABIP, President

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INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE AABIP

WHEN
August 23, 2018 - August 25, 2018

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Denver Convention Center
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TARGET AUDIENCE

- Advanced diagnostic pulmonologists
- Interventional pulmonologists
- Critical care practitioners
- Thoracic surgeons
- Advanced practice providers
- Trainees and other healthcare providers with an interest in the field of
  - Interventional Pulmonology
  - Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopy.
The primary objective of this symposium is to encourage young IP investigators to present and discuss early project ideas with more seasoned IP scientists and researchers.

Format: Based on suggestions from previous years’ attendees and evaluations from previous symposia, the AABIP research committee continues to explore new ways to better serve the IP community and promote networking and research collaborations. Accordingly, while the AABIP research symposium continues to take place at both conferences in May (ATS) and October (ACCP), it now does so with a different focus. This upcoming research symposium will therefore be based on a different format and emphasize networking opportunities by facilitating interactions between IP fellows and younger faculty with more experienced colleagues. A new mentorship program to support young IP investigators will be presented by Dr. Matt Kinsey, and the new AABIP research grant recipient will be recognized.

A featured lecture will be provided by an invited experienced IP investigator, which was selected for its novelty and originality. We are very pleased to host Dr. Michael Pritchett, DO, MPH, who has established himself as a pioneer and leader in the field of advanced diagnostic bronchoscopy, and will review recent advances in the field of flexible diagnostic and therapeutic bronchoscopy.

In addition, we are now soliciting proposals for presentation. There will be 2 proposal presentations. The AABIP research committee therefore encourages IP fellows and junior faculty to submit proposals for a clinical trial or investigation based on currently unmet data to guide evidence-based IP practice. Selected individuals will be asked to present his/her proposal with a brief background followed by the study design. Each presentation should be approximately 10-12 minutes in length, relaxed, collegial, no more than 6 to 10 slides, and designed to stimulate thoughts, ideas, and feedback from the audience. They should follow the PICO format (patients, interventions, comparisons and outcomes). To stimulate the discussion, the participant should conclude their presentation with relevant questions to promote discussion. We welcome and encourage a broad spectrum of research interests from basic science to clinical research. The emphasis will be for the audience and presenter to learn from each other, and hopefully offer guidance and potential collaboration. Deadline for submission is May 4th, 2018. No CME will be offered.
2018 AABIP Spring Scientific Symposium

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend and participate in our 2018 AABIP Spring Scientific Symposium to be held Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 6:00 pm to 9:15 pm, at the Wyndham San Diego Bayside located in San Diego, California.

The primary objective of this symposium is to encourage young IP investigators to present and discuss early project ideas with more seasoned IP scientists and researchers. Registration information for this event will be forthcoming.

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AABIP Chapters Updates

Please contact the AABIP Chapter Representatives if you are interested in joining. For information on starting a new chapter, please refer to the Charter for [AABIP Chapters](#) or contact the Membership Committee Chair for more information.

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- **AABIP Midwest Chapter:**
  The chapter annual met on Saturday, April 28, 2018, Itasca Country Club, 400 East Orchard Itasca, IL 60143. The chapter discussed integrating APP’s in IP Practice, challenges of IP in academic practice, challenges of IP in private practice. Please contact Dr. Desai the chapter representative for further details.

- **AABIP Southeast Chapter:**
  The chapter is planning their first meeting on November 9th, 2018 at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

The Chapter had its initial informal meetings at the AABIP 2017 Fall Research Symposium and at the Southern ATS Tristate Meeting. Please contact Dr. Senitko, the chapter representative for further details.

- **AABIP Advanced Practitioners Chapter:**
  The In conjunction with the Education Committee, the chapter has launched a new line of online educational videos. The [“Advanced Practice Providers Enrichment Series”](#) is available for download from the AABIP website and is free to all AABIP members. The first two topics in this series are:

  - Fleischner 2017 Guidelines: Management of Incidental Pulmonary Nodules Detected on CT Images. By Denise Caudell Stamper, AGACNP-BC, University of Cincinnati Medical Center
  - Survivorship Coping and Emotional Aspects of Lung Cancer. By Susan Knippel, RN, FNP-C, MD Anderson Medical Center
The last several months have been very busy and exciting for the AABIP Education Committee. We welcomed our latest General Member Ara Chrissian from Loma Linda University and our Fellow Member for 2018 Christian Ghattas from Harvard. Much of our time and efforts are currently being spent in preparations for the upcoming Inaugural AABIP International Conference. This exciting event promises to be the first of many annual AABIP conferences that will serve as the premier forum solely dedicated to the art and science of Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopy and interventional Pulmonology in the United States. This year, the conference will be held at the Convention Center in magnificent Denver, Colorado from August 23rd to the 25th, 2018. Mark your calendars and plan to be there! The program committee, drawn from our membership at large is already hard at work designing an exciting, informative and maximally interactive agenda with world renowned speakers. If you have ideas for possible sessions, please reach out to the Education committee and we would be delighted to consider your proposals.

Aside from this additional effort, the committee's regular schedule has been going full steam ahead. Back in July 2017, we successfully conducted a well attended IP Fellowship Boot Camp that provided a comprehensive hands on introduction to IP procedures for all the current fellows of 2018. The plans for the July 2018 IP Fellowship Boot Camp are well under way, so stay tuned.

Under the leadership of Ara Chrissian and Russell Miller, the AABIP KAT, a knowledge self assessment app that helps IP practitioners review fundamental concepts and prepare for the Board Examinations using a series of multiple choice questions, is being updated for 2018. The app and question modules are available on the iTunes App Store, and provide a convenient method for quick revision during a busy day, so check it out.

Russell Miller, while serving this great nation in Afghanistan, still managed to update the superbly informative fellow’s toolkit. Aimed at being the definitive resource for graduating IP fellows in terms of starting an IP practice, contract negotiations and career development, the toolkit was developed using input from multiple sources including practicing IP physicians both in academic and private practice and is available for download on the AABIP website.

David Hsia and Ara Chrissian have continued to expand the acclaimed AABIP Webinar Series with increasingly exciting speakers and topics that reflect the wide diversity of our members as well as our far ranging clinical and research interests. These monthly webinars provide an opportunity to explore crucial topics with national experts in a deeply personal and interactive format. If you have ideas for webinar topics please feel free to submit suggestions to David Hsia or Ara Chrissian.

One of the most exciting endeavors we undertook over the last year was the AABIP Guidelines Project. As we all know, Interventional Pulmonologists typically have their individually preferred methods for performing procedures that may introduce significant variability in patient outcomes. A simple example of the clinical impact of such variability can be found in the results of the ASAP trial where simply draining the indwelling pleural catheter daily as opposed to every other day was shown to result in significantly higher rates of auto-pleurodesis. Similarly are several aspects of our clinical procedures and
practices that may be profoundly important for the practicing Interventional Pulmonologist but given the small volumes and sub specialty focus, there is either a lack of robust supporting evidence or not enough attention from large national societies to issue clinical practice guidelines. The AABIP seeks to fill the gaps here by convening expert panels to review all available evidence and generate clinical practice guidelines that are as evidence based as possible. The first topic selected was Management of Tunneled Indwelling Pleural Catheters. This project is being led by Roberto Casal and is expected to be completed by the end of 2018 with the plan being to publish the guidelines in the JOBIP.

AB Alraiyes, the new AABIP Digital Media Director and Christian Ghattas are working on developing short procedural videos that can be shared via the AABIP website and the AABIP YouTube Channel. If you have DE-IDENTIFIED procedural videos you would like to share, please contact either AB or Christian for more information.

A future project of the AABIP Education committee is the establishment of a national IP quality improvement database. The vision for this is to provide a forum for participants to share their data on outcomes and other quality metrics in a transparent manner to demonstrate the value proposition in Interventional Pulmonology procedures. The initial project selected for development is an EBUS outcomes database.

All in all, it has been a productive few months for the AABIP Education Committee. We view it as a great honor and privilege to serve our dynamic and innovative members. We ask that you reach out to us with your thoughts, ideas and feedback as we look forward to continuing our deep engagement with all members in our collective efforts to advance the field of Interventional Pulmonology.
Interaction Between Interventional Pulmonology and Thoracic Surgery: A Model for Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Interventional pulmonology has evolved from an emerging field within pulmonary medicine into an established specialty focused on minimally invasive approaches to the diagnosis and management of conditions involving the lungs, central airways, and pleura. The American College of Chest Physicians and The Society of Thoracic Surgeons emphasize the importance of the association between interventional pulmonology and thoracic surgery. The patients of interventional pulmonologists require access to advanced thoracic surgical procedures while thoracic surgical patients benefit from the advanced bronchoscopy and pleural techniques, as well as referrals, offered by interventional pulmonologists. Indeed, multidisciplinary teamwork is self-evidently essential for successful patient care. Interdisciplinary collaboration is the optimal approach to contemporary healthcare delivery. Substantial evidence indicates that failure in teamwork and communication contribute substantially to inefficiency and avoidable harm to patients. Interdisciplinary collaboration between interventional pulmonology and thoracic surgery is beneficial for patients, as well as trainees, providers, and health systems.

A multitude of healthcare services require an interdisciplinary team. Level I Trauma Center Verification mandates the availability of numerous specialties. Organ transplant programs must have a multidisciplinary transplant team composed of individuals from surgery, medicine, nursing, nutrition, social services, transplant coordination, and pharmacology with described responsibilities of each member. Successful heart and vascular institutes integrate cardiology, cardiac surgery, vascular surgery, interventional radiology, and numerous other professionals into a comprehensive team. The model of interdisciplinary teamwork is particularly applicable to cancer care where multidisciplinary teams are considered the gold standard. In a review by Joan Prades and colleagues, multidisciplinary teams resulted in better clinical and process outcomes for cancer patients, as well as improved survival among a variety of diagnoses including colorectal, head and neck, breast, esophageal, and lung cancer. Furthermore, multidisciplinary teams contributed to changing diagnostic and treatment decision-making in patients with a variety of cancer types. Patients with benign lung disease such as emphysema, tracheomalacia, and interstitial lung disease can also reap the benefits of multidisciplinary teams. Collaboration transcends the setting of mere individual interdisciplinary meetings, such as tumor boards. Rather, effective multidisciplinary care develops into a streamlined, comprehensive management approach comprised of different components from diagnosis to treatment to survivorship.

Implementation and maintenance of effective interdisciplinary collaboration can face challenges. Different medical specialties have varied training requirements, including procedural volume and diversity of cases, which are occasionally not accepted as sufficient preparation by other disciplines. Scope of practice and credentialing in particular procedures, some of which are overlapping between service lines, can be inconsistent. Scheduling, whether tumor boards, interdisciplinary clinics, or shared procedure rooms, can be complex. Financial pressures and productivity measures may discourage interdisciplinary cooperation. Specialty territoriality can result in “turf wars.” Nevertheless, all of these problems can be resolved when there exists a culture of mutual respect in which the goal is to achieve mutual respect in which the goal is to achieve
the best patient outcome employing the safest and most effective patient-centered medical care.

Collaboration between interventional pulmonology and thoracic surgery can occur in a variety of settings. A multidisciplinary clinic, where patients can be evaluated by different specialists at the same visit, offers an efficient patient-centered venue. It also encourages interdisciplinary education for trainees at all levels. Specific programs that benefit from collaboration between interventional pulmonology and thoracic surgery are thoracic oncology, lung cancer screening, lung nodule clinics, and cancer survivorship. Moreover, shared facilities (e.g. outpatient clinics and procedure/operating rooms) are an efficient use of resources. Collaboration in education is another opportunity for interdisciplinary cooperation. Involvement of pulmonary and interventional pulmonology fellows in thoracic surgery services and operations provides excellent teaching opportunities while general surgery and thoracic surgery trainees benefit from learning bronchoscopic and pleural procedures from interventional pulmonologists. Joint projects in research and innovation can increase patient recruitment and enrollment in clinical trials and are frequently encouraged by funding agencies. Finally, in the current era when many factors in medical careers contribute to physician burnout, some might overlook another positive impact of collaboration: working with other professionals who share similar clinical interests and intellectual passions can be highly rewarding.

Multidisciplinary teams are the gold standard for healthcare delivery. This is especially relevant to interventional pulmonology and thoracic surgery. Not only does collaboration improve patient outcomes, it also leads to better education for our trainees, enhanced research, more efficiency for our healthcare system, and a professionally rewarding career.

The AABIP webinars are recorded and most of them are immediately available to members free of charge on our website at: http://aabronchology.org/education/webinars/

Webinar Schedule. Schedule is tentative and subject to change:

• May 2018: After the EBUS Needle - Optimizing Specimen Collection and Processing. John Stewart, MD, PHD & Roberto Casal, MD. MD Anderson
• June 2018: Cryoablative Therapies for Central Airway Obstructions. Ashutosh Sachdeva, MD. University of Maryland
• July 2018: Clinicogenomics and Risk Stratification of Lung Nodules. Scott Ferguson, MD. University of Wisconsin
• August 2018: Procedural Insights for Diagnostic Pleural Biopsies. Eric Folch, MD. Massachusetts General Hospital
• September 2018: Use of Tunneled Pleural Catheters for Benign Pleural Effusions. Samira Shojaee, MD. University of Virginia Commonwealth
• October 2018: An Update on Management of Malignant Pleural Effusions - What do we know now? Najib Rahman MD, DPhil, MSc. Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford
• November 2018: Pneumothorax and the Management of Bronchopleural Fistulas. Colleen Keyes, MD. Massachusetts General Hospital
• December 2018: Benign CAO: Strictures and Stenoses. Septimu Murgu, MD. University of Chicago
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