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AABIP Newsletter



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' Corner



It is summertime and a great opportunity to spend time away with family and friends. Some of you may be in solo practice or are the only interventional pulmonologist or advanced bronchoscopist in your practice or hospital. You may be tempted to forgo vacation time fearing loss of referrals or local perception about your availability, but I would urge you to take time off and enjoy precious time with your loved ones. Talk to local thoracic surgeon and ask if they can cover emergent issues in procedures and ask a pulmonary colleague to cover referrals and patients in our absence. Rest assured, your practice will be there upon return from vacation and you will feel rejuvenated and ready to take on the next challenge in your career.

My summer has been splendid and made more so by teaching at the newly minted IP Fellows Boot Camp, which was organized at MD Anderson Medical Center by a very gracious and tireless host, Dr. George Eapen. It was a wonderful gathering of fellows and educators from around the US and Canada, who were eager to kick start an exciting year of IP training. We discussed cases, shared practical tips and practiced IP procedures. At the beginning of this event, I asked every fellow and faculty to stand up, introduce themselves and mention a funny or interesting fact about them. Indeed, I received a variety of funny and inspiring answers: there were a few martial art champions, a handful of fellows who want to take their skills back to their home country and establish an IP program (in Israel, Jordan and Lebanon) and a faculty member who got married in Tombstone, Arizona! It was then where I realized that I was staring at the future of IP; I saw passion, dedication and thirst for knowledge in these budding interventional pulmonologists. Our future is in good hands!

Another worthy AABIP activity this summer was the formation of an AABIP advanced bronchoscopy taskforce. I had sent a communication to the membership urging them to let us know of the issues facing the advanced bronchoscopists. I got a large number of responses which resulted in 7 AABIP advanced bronchoscopy members participating in our inaugural call in late July. It was an enthusiastic discussion that focused on the main challenges and opportunities for the advanced bronchoscopists in the areas of educational offerings, resources for the bronchoscopy suite and recognition of advanced bronchoscopy skills. This AABIP task force is committed to supporting our advanced bronchoscopy members and will continue to meet monthly and execute their refined recommendations.

If you have not done so, please register for one of our activities during the CHEST meeting in Toronto: AABIP IP review course, AABIP/CHEST PG course and AABIP research symposium.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to addressing you one last time in our October newsletter.

Sincerely,

Momen M. Wahidi, MD, MBA

AABIP, President

Special points of interest:

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- AABIP board review course

Membership Committee

AABIP Regional Chapters



California chapter of the AABIP

The California chapter of the AABIP has had an eventful and productive year. The first annual “Southern California Pulmonary Fellows EBUS Course” was co-organized by Ching-Fei Chang and David Hsia.

The event was hosted at the USC School of Medicine and 8 California chapter members served as the volunteer core faculty for didactic sessions, case discussions, and hands-on simulation.

The course was extremely well received by the nearly 40 participants from the 8 regional training programs. This course also served as a launching pad for further collaboration within the region and preparations for more joint training events are already in the works!

We would also like to congratulate UCLA Medical Center, who in the upcoming year will open California’s second Interventional Pulmonary fellowship program and join UCSF/Palo Alto Medical Foundation as the only 2 IP training programs on the West Coast.



Finally, we are grateful to Russell Miller who has graciously agreed to take on the role of the Chapter representative.

Research Committee



The symposium was well received, and members were invited to provide feedback and suggestions for future events, in order to foster early research projects and provide mentoring support for young investigators often isolated as Interventional pulmonology specialists after completion of their fellowship. Please send your suggestions to Fabien Maldonado, at

Fabien.maldonado@vanderbilt.edu

Finally, Dr. Momen Wahidi, President elect of the AABIP, asked the audience to observe a moment of silence in memory of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Cynthia Ray, in honor of whom the “Dr. Cynthia D. Ray Patient Rescue Fund” was established by the Henry Ford Health system to provide financial and other assistance to patients with pulmonary diseases, a mission that was so dear to Cyndi. You are invited to participate to this fund which can be accessed at the link (<http://bit.ly/2ubOF7G>)



The banner features the AABIP logo on the left, which includes a stylized lung and the text 'AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR BRONCHOLOGY & INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY' and 'AABIP'. To the right of the logo, the words 'Task Force' are written in large, bold, red font. Below this, the text 'A MESSAGE FROM AABIP TO ADVANCED BRONCHOSCOPY MEMBERS' is displayed in white, bold, sans-serif font against a dark blue background with a faint image of a hand holding a bronchoscope.

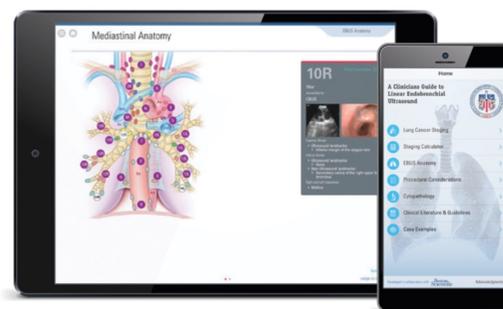
Your participation in the advanced bronchoscopy task force is crucial!

Please email Dr. Wahidi with your interest and include your CV @:

momen.wahidi@duke.edu.

The banner has a light blue background with a white paper-like corner on the right side. At the top, it reads 'THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR BRONCHOLOGY AND INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY presents'. Below this, two dark grey boxes contain the text 'IP PRACTICE PATTERN' and 'SALARY & wRVU SURVEY'. At the bottom left, the year '2016' is displayed in a large white font. The AABIP logo is positioned in the bottom right corner.

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Research Committee



Rabih Bechara, MD
Chair of AABIP Research Committee



AABIP Spring research symposium

The American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (AABIP) is inviting applications for research awards. Award applications should be related to the study of interventional pulmonology (IP).

The AABIP hosted the Spring edition of its research symposium on Saturday, May 20, 2017, in Washington DC during the American Thoracic Society General Assembly.

Based on previous feedback from our members and a desire to incentivize interactions between members and opportunities for networking, the format was different than that of prior symposia, and consisted of a featured lecture delivered by Dr. Andrew Lerner, Interventional Pulmonary fellow at Johns Hopkins University (Program Director Dr. Lonny Yarmus) and Dr. Christine Argento, Interventional pulmonologist at Northwestern University.

Dr. Lerner provided a summary of his exciting research on novel applications of endobronchial ultrasound technology for electrophysiological interventions, under the mentorship of Dr. Hans Lee and with the help of a multidisciplinary team of collaborators, opening exciting new avenues of research in our field.



Dr. Argento provided guidance on the establishment of a successful interventional pulmonary research program and encouraged the development of a multicenter collaborative research infrastructure to facilitate the design and conduct of prospective clinical trials.

Dr. Fayez Kheir, who will be completing his interventional pulmonary fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in June and join the faculty at Tulane University, was announced as the recipient of the AABIP research grant for his proposal on intrapleural therapy vs. medical thoracoscopy for the treatment of pleural space infection.



Membership Committee



David Hsia, MD
Chair of AABIP Membership Committee

AABIP Board Certified Physicians



Congratulations to the 83 newest board certified physicians who passed the most recent Interventional Pulmonology board examination! Since the establishment of the board exam process, the number of AABIP Diplomats has grown to 250. This increase mirrors the continued growth of our field.

Board certified diplomats now represent all regions of the United States and Canada. There has been particular growth of IP on the West Coast. California (21) now boasts the highest number of diplomats of any state, followed by New York (18), Ohio (17), Texas (15), and Illinois (12). The full list of AABIP board certified physicians can be found on the AABIP website:

<https://aabronchology.org/board-certification/aabip-board-certified-physicians/>

We are encouraged by the continued interest and growth of Interventional Pulmonology.

Distribution of AABIP Board Certified Physicians*
2014-2017 Exams



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Education Committee



George Eapen, MD
Chair of AABIP Education Committee

It has been a busy and rewarding year for the Education Committee. For the first time, a knowledge assessment tool was created to help IP practitioners review fundamental concepts and prepare for the Board Examinations using a series of multiple choice questions. The app and question modules are available on the App Store (<http://apple.co/2uJMdSX>), and provides a convenient method for quick revision during a busy day.



Russell Miller, our IP fellow member edited a superbly informative graduating 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. (<http://bit.ly/2uKiw4c>)

Under the tireless guidance and direction of David Hsia and Russell Miller, the Webinar Series have continued to grow in strength. These monthly webinars provide an opportunity to explore wide ranging topics with national experts in an interactive format. AABIP members are encouraged to submit suggestions for webinar topics to David Hsia or Russell Miller.

One of the exciting developments of this year has been the AABIP Guidelines Project. It is clear that there are many techniques and technologies being introduced into the field of Interventional Pulmonology and this trend is likely to increase. Interventional Pulmonologists typically have their individually preferred methods for performing these procedures that may introduce significant clinical variability and outcomes in the care of patients. Given the small volumes and sub specialty focus, there are several aspects of these procedures and practices that may not warrant the attention of large national societies yet are profoundly important for the practicing Interventional Pulmonologist. The AABIP seeks to fill the gaps here by convening expert panels to review available evidence and generate clinical practice guidelines that are as evidence based as possible. Topics were selected using a modified Delphi method of ranking and the first topic selected was Management of Tunneled Indwelling Pleural Catheters. The writing panel has been convened under the direction of Roberto Casal and Erik Folch and the process is well under way. Project completion is expected the early part of 2018 with the plan being to publish the guidelines in the JOBIP.

Another exciting future project of the AABIP Education committee is the establishment of a national IP quality improvement database. The vision for this 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.

Lastly, recognizing that pulmonologists who provide advanced diagnostic bronchoscopy services are a major pillar of our society, there is a major effort underway to create a certification process for Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopists similar to the currently available AABIP IP Board Certification. Be on the lookout for a survey that will be used to understand the needs of our membership better and help design a meaningful and rewarding experience.

All in all, it has been a productive year for the AABIP Education Committee. We look forward to continuing our deep engagement with all members in our collective efforts to advance the field of Interventional Pulmonology.



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

Tentative scheduled month, title, and speakers:

- **August 2017: Transbronchial Cryobopsy for ILD.** Fabien Maldonado, M.D. and Ryan Kern, M.D. Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Mayo Clinic
- **September 2017: How to Build a Clinical Research Program in IP.** Lonny Yarmus, D.O. The Johns Hopkins Hospital
- **October 2017: Role of IP in the Management of Massive Hemoptysis.** Arthur Sung, M.D. Stanford Medical Center
- **November 2017: Role of Advanced Practitioners in an IP Program.** Christine Argento, M.D. And Kelsey Cameron PA-C. Northwestern Medical Center / Yale New Haven Hospital
- **December 2017: How to Build an Academic Career in IP.** Dan Sterman, M.D. NYU Lagone Medical Center



The Role of Advanced Practice Providers in an Interventional Pulmonary Program

Kelsey Cameron, PA-C

The field of interventional pulmonary continues to grow and that includes the number and size of the clinical teams providing care. Many of these teams include physician assistants and nurse practitioners, which are collectively termed advanced practice providers (APP).

APPs are critical members of many interventional pulmonary services and are involved in lung cancer screening, pleural disease management and many other aspects of procedures and patient care. To support this group of clinicians the AABIP has formed the Advanced Practice Providers Chapter. This chapter is open to all APPs who are a member of the AABIP, and it aims to provide education, networking and, ultimately, advance the role of the APP in the field of interventional pulmonary.

Our education subcommittee is involved in preparing webinars and electronic resources for the APPS in interventional pulmonology practice. We have an upcoming education module on managing lung nodules and we are also excited to be working on a webinar for later this year, "The Role of Advanced Practice Providers in an Interventional Pulmonary Program," that will look at the Integration of the advanced practice provider on an IP Service. This will include a panel discussion which will highlight the different way APPs are being used on IP services across the country and give ideas on how to maximize the potential of the APP on an IP service.

Our networking subcommittee is involved in reaching out to APPs across the nation to join the AABIP as well as making our presence known to the national organizations of nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Our meeting subcommittee is involved in setting up our annual meeting at Chest conference as well as teleconference quarterly meetings.

We are excited to be a part of the AABIP and look forward to advancing the role of the APP in interventional pulmonology. We encourage all APP's involved in interventional pulmonology to join the AABIP and the APP chapter.

The APP chapter is being directed by:

- Chair, Kelsey Cameron, PA-C
- Vice chair, Karen MacKenney, FNP-C
- Secretary Danielle Caudell Stamper, CNP.

If you are an APP or you have an APP on your team, please have them email Kelsey.Cameron@ynhh.org or KLMacKenney@mdanderson.org so they can be a part of this growing group.



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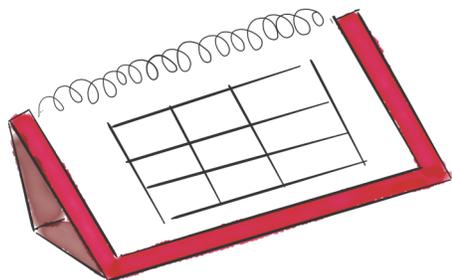
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- **AABIP/ACCP Post Graduate Course - Saturday 10/28**
- **AABIP Fall Research Symposium - Saturday 10/28**

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