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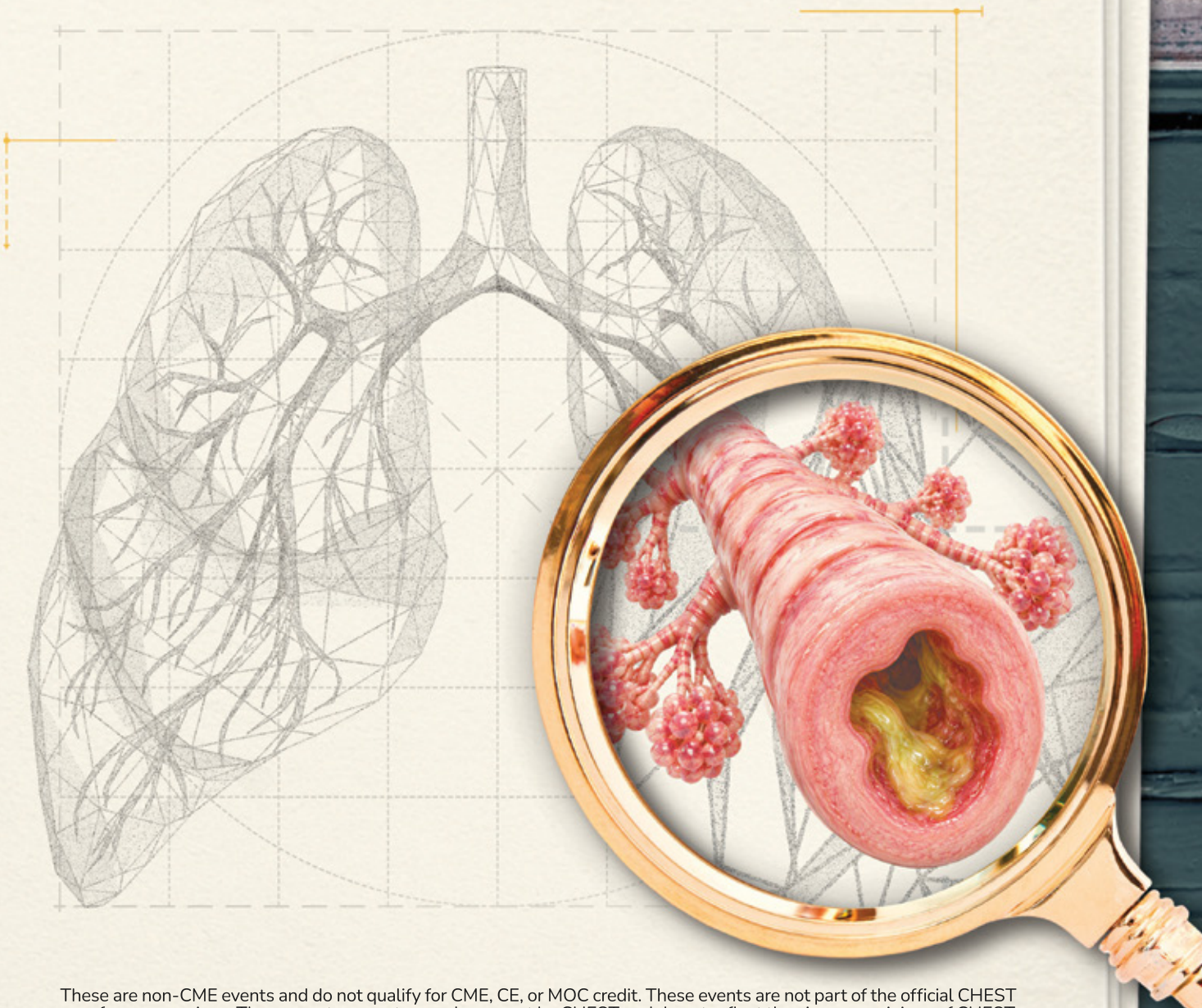
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Phoenix Dining and Sightseeing

Recognizing Bronchiectasis

When it might be more than COPD or asthma

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
10:30AM–11:15AM
Learning Theater 3

Colin Swenson, MD
Director, Bronchiectasis and NTM Program
Emory University School of Medicine



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COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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Welcome to phoenix and CHEST 2026

As the CHEST community gathers in the Valley of the Sun, it's only natural that we look to the horizon. Like the desert mountains that run through Phoenix, the future of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine isn't a distant vision but something tangible at our doorstep. The clinical practice landscape before us may be rocky or lightly traveled, but it's also bright and full of wonders.

In the coming days at CHEST 2026, we'll sharpen our view of the current surroundings and learn how to best navigate the road ahead. Deep-dive lectures, hands-on simulations, and cutting-edge case reports will convey multidisciplinary knowledge that you can immediately put to use for your patients. Interactive workshops, roundtable conversations, and abstract presentations will help you visualize how emerging technologies and research findings may change your practice.

As Chair of the CHEST 2026 Scientific Program Committee, I can't wait for you to engage with the hundreds of educational sessions available in this year's program. They will challenge you to grow in your current practice with rigorous scientific updates and ignite your joy for learning, whether you're a trainee, early career professional, or seasoned clinician.

Even better, these educational and intellectual opportunities allow you to connect with a vibrant community—colleagues, role models, and friends who transcend institutional boundaries, disciplines, specialties, and experience levels. CHEST's welcoming atmosphere is unlike any other, and the resulting relationships are incredibly impactful, personally and professionally.

I encourage you to say hello in the hallway or introduce yourself after a session. Get a group together to play CHEST Games in the Exhibit Hall, watch a raucous debate session in the *Pardon the Disruption* series, experience a live podcast recording, or visit the Conversation Corner for meaningful connections. Make plans on Tuesday evening to cheer on the next generation of clinicians in the annual CHEST Challenge Championship. And don't forget to venture out of the convention center during your downtime to enjoy phenomenal local food and the natural beauty of the area.

We hope the sense of community from CHEST 2026 lingers long after you return home. Learn about longer-term involvement with CHEST Networks and Interest Groups during the Network Open Forums, Interest Group luncheons, and the Cultures and Communities Reception. Spend time thinking about the human side of medicine during special sessions and events like Monday evening's CHEST After Hours.

We may be here in a rocky landscape, both literally and figuratively in our current sociopolitical milieu, but we are moving toward the horizon together. What happens over the next few days at CHEST 2026 can sustain us personally and professionally through the next year—until we see each other again at CHEST 2027 in Vancouver! ■



Amy Morris, MD, FCCP
Chair, CHEST 2026 Scientific Program Committee



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Catching Up With CHEST President Neil Freedman, MD, FCCP



Get to Know the CHEST Challenge Championship Finalists



Art Imitates Life

The annual CHEST After Hours storytelling event is a celebration of life outside the profession.



Mind, Body, Spirit

Local, Indigenous health care professionals will discuss culturally responsive approaches to health and healing during a CHEST 2026 panel.



Helping Arizona Breathe Easier

CHEST Community Connections provides direct support for three local organizations each year in the annual meeting host city.



Phoenix Hot Spots

Our city guide will help you make the most of your time in the Valley of the Sun.



Taking Root

In its second year, the Talent Garden CHEST Scholars program welcomes four high school students from historically excluded communities to the annual meeting.



Countdown to 100

Thanks to the generosity of CHEST donors, 91 early career clinicians received travel grants to attend CHEST 2026.

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MEETING BASICS

You've made it to Phoenix—now make your way around the meeting like a pro. Here are the key things you need to know.



MEETING NEWS

Visit **chestphysician.org/annual-meeting** or scan the QR code for the latest meeting news, including exclusive session coverage. The news site will be updated multiple times a day throughout the meeting, with additional postmeeting coverage continuing through mid-November.

WI-FI

Complimentary Wi-Fi is provided for CHEST 2026 attendees at the Phoenix Convention Center, Sheraton Phoenix Downtown, and Renaissance Phoenix Downtown. Connect with the following credentials:
Network: CHEST2026
Password: chest2026

CONNECT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

What sessions are you enjoying? Who have you run into in the hallways? Share the fun you're having at CHEST 2026 on social media and get the latest updates from CHEST and other attendees. Follow **#CHEST2026** to stay in the loop.

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ACTIVATE YOUR FREE SUBSCRIPTION

Your meeting registration comes with a full year of access to our on-demand educational streaming platform, CHEST MedCast. Enjoy watching past annual meeting sessions, simulation videos, clinical webinars, and more, plus CHEST 2026 session recordings starting in November.

CLAIM CME/CE/COA

The online evaluation system to claim CME/CE credit will open at the conclusion of CHEST 2026. The deadline to claim credit for CHEST 2026 is **April 7, 2027, at 11:59 PM CT**.

To complete the CME Activity Evaluation for CHEST 2026, claim CME/CE credits, and download CME/CE certificates and certificates of attendance (COA), please see the instructions below.
You must complete your evaluation and download your certificate by April 7, 2027.

- Sign in to your CHEST account. Navigate to "Account" and "My Learning."
- Find the correct event in your list and complete the required CHEST Annual Meeting 2026 Comprehensive Evaluation.
- Complete the claiming prompts. Finalize by clicking the "Claim" button.
- Your certificate and transcript can be viewed under "Claimed Activities" on the Manage CME page.

If you need to obtain a certificate of attendance for your participation in CHEST 2026, you will be able to get one online through your CHEST account portal. If you need help, contact CMEsupport@chestnet.org. For faster assistance, outline the specific problem you are having and provide your CHEST ID and contact information.

For more details, scan the QR code to visit the CME Information webpage.



DOWNLOAD THE CHEST 2026 APP

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Plan your schedule and ensure you don't miss key CHEST 2026 sessions with the CHEST Events app. The app is your best source of information to ensure that you maximize your experience at the meeting.

- Browse the entire educational program to build your personal schedule and bookmark sessions or speakers.
- Peruse detailed maps of the Phoenix Convention Center and the Exhibit Hall so that you can easily get wherever you're going.
- Access a listing of exhibitors and see where you can find them in the Exhibit Hall.
- Find details on special events and onsite resources.
- Be the first to know about important announcements and updates from CHEST.

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QUESTIONS? GET SUPPORT

The CHEST Help Team is available to connect with you to address your questions, comments, and concerns. Visit the Help Desk onsite or contact us at helpteam@chestnet.org or +1 (224) 521-9800.

CHEST *by the Numbers*



500+	Total sessions
940	Faculty presenting
27	CME hours available
6,097	Abstracts/case reports submitted
76	Simulation courses
32	Ribbons for your badge at registration
5,700	Souvenir T-shirts to claim at Experience CHEST

REGISTRATION

Phoenix Convention Center, Lower Level

Sunday, October 18 ..... 6:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday, October 19 ..... 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Tuesday, October 20 ..... 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, October 21 ..... 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM

HELP DESKS

West Building, Level 100, Lobby

Sunday ..... 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Monday ..... 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday ..... 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Wednesday ..... 7:30 AM – 2:30 PM

North Building, Level 100, Lobby

Sunday ..... 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Monday ..... 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday ..... 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Wednesday ..... 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Presenter and Moderator Help Desk

Have questions about your poster presentation? Stop by the presenter and moderator help desk, conveniently located near Experience CHEST.

EXHIBIT HALL

Lower Level

Monday ..... 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Tuesday ..... 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Wednesday ..... 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

HEADSHOT LOUNGE

Lower Level, Lobby

Sunday ..... 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Monday ..... 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Tuesday ..... 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday ..... 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Complimentary shuttles run approximately every 20 to 30 minutes between select CHEST hotels and the Phoenix Convention Center (PCC). To preschedule ADA pick-up, call 877-433-4832.



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

5:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Every 20 minutes
Pick-ups 5:30 AM – 6:10 AM to Sheraton ONLY

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Every 30 minutes

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Every 20 minutes
Last bus from hotels to PCC at 4:30 PM

6:30 PM – 10:30 PM
Every 20 minutes
Shuttle service for Welcome Reception, between CHEST hotels and The Duce ONLY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Every 20 minutes
Pick-ups 5:30 AM – 6:30 AM to Sheraton ONLY

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Every 30 minutes

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Every 20 minutes
Last bus from hotels to PCC at 5:00 PM

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Every 20 minutes
Shuttle service between CHEST hotels, Sheraton/Renaissance symposia, and receptions ONLY

Last bus from CHEST hotels to Sheraton/Renaissance at 8:30 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Every 20 minutes
Pick-ups 5:30 AM – 6:50 AM to Sheraton ONLY

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM
Every 30 minutes

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Every 20 minutes
Last bus from hotels to PCC at 4:30 PM

5:00 PM – 9:30 PM
Every 20 minutes
Shuttle service between PCC and Sheraton symposia 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Shuttle service between CHEST hotels and Sheraton 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Last bus from CHEST hotels to Sheraton at 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Every 20 minutes
Pick-ups 5:30 AM – 6:50 AM to Sheraton ONLY

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Every 30 minutes

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Every 20 minutes
Last bus from hotels to PCC at 4:00 PM

11:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Every 30 minutes
Ticketed airport shuttle service from PCC ONLY

Routes

Route 1 – Red

Travel time to PCC: 15-20 minutes
Serving: Sentral Sol Modern, FOUNDRE Phoenix, and The Inkwell Hotel Phoenix

Route 2 – Yellow

Travel time to PCC: 25-30 minutes
Serving: Embassy Suites Downtown North, DoubleTree Midtown, Home2 Suites Midtown, Tru Midtown, Hampton Inn Midtown, and Fairfield Inn Midtown

Route 3 – Blue

Travel time to PCC: 25-30 minutes
Serving: Staybridge Suites Biltmore, The Camby, and AC Hotel Biltmore

Hotels Within Walking Distance of PCC

Sheraton Phoenix Downtown (co-HQ)
Renaissance Phoenix Downtown (co-HQ)
AC Hotel Downtown
Courtyard by Marriott Phoenix Downtown
Denū Hotel and Spa
Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown
Hilton Garden Inn Downtown
Home2 Suites Downtown
Hyatt Place Downtown
Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Kimpton Hotel Palomar
Moxy Downtown
Residence Inn Downtown
SpringHill Suites Downtown
Westin Phoenix Downtown

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Wellness Zone

Unplug and unwind in the Wellness Zone during CHEST 2026. The Wellness Zone offers a quiet retreat to slow down, focus on self-care, and fully recharge. Planned events include health and wellness lectures, chair massages, and virtual reality bike rides. There's also a meditation area, an aromatherapy station, and rebound mini-trampolines to help attendees recharge.

West Building, Level 100, Lobby

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Hours: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Closed 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM during Opening Session

7:15 AM – 7:45 AM WORKOUT
Morning Stretch

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM LECTURE
The Mobility Reset: Stop Back Pain, Fix Tech Neck, and Move Without Limits

12:45 PM – 1:15 PM LECTURE
The Energy Reboot: Smart Snacks and Simple Movements to Defeat Burnout

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM WORKOUT
Sound Bath Healing Meditation

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Hours: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

7:15 AM – 7:45 AM WORKOUT
Tai Chi Fitness

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM LECTURE
The Data-Driven Physician: Managing Autonomous Stress, HRV, and Physical Longevity in Your Practice

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM LECTURE
Down-Regulation on Demand: Autonomic Interventions and Breath Mechanics for Your Practice

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM WORKOUT
Fun Dance Fitness

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Hours: 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

7:15 AM – 7:45 AM WORKOUT
Morning Stretch

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM LECTURE
The Gut-Weight Connection: Microbiome Healing, GLP-1 Truths, and Lasting Energy

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM LECTURE
Down-Regulation on Demand: Autonomic Interventions and Breath Mechanics for Your Practice

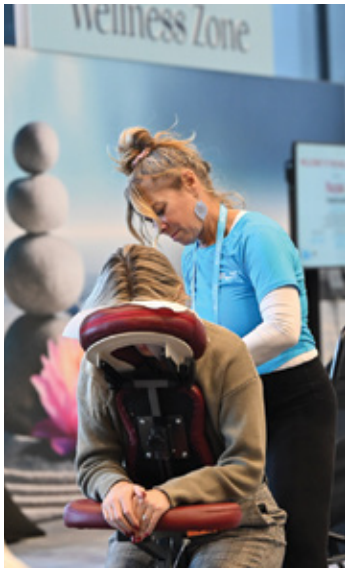
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM WORKOUT
Afternoon Dance Party

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Hours: 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM

7:15 AM – 7:45 AM WORKOUT
Tai Chi Fitness

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM LECTURE
Back in Action: The Real Fix for Pain, Posture, and Prevention



TRAINEE LOUNGE

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Connect with your fellow trainees and CHEST leaders while also attending informative and educational career events. All events will take place in the Trainee Lounge.

North Building, Room 224B

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Welcome to CHEST: Make the Most Out of Your Meeting Experience

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM
Preparing for a Successful Transition Into the Job Market

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Speed Mentoring, Presented by the Women in Chest Medicine Interest Group

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
ABIM Pulmonary and Critical Care Board Strategies With Study Tips and Pitfalls

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Bias Recognition and Mitigation in Vulnerable Patient Encounters, Presented by the LGBTQ+ at CHEST Interest Group

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
How to Modify Your Educational Strategies Based on Your Learners' Level

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Financial Wellness for Trainees: Building a Strong Foundation

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM
From Introduction to Opportunity: A Networking Workshop for Trainees

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Trainee Wine and Cheese Reception

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Parenting in Training: Thriving as a Clinician and a Parent

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM
AI as an Ally: Enhancing Training Without Eroding Experience

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Building Trust From the Start: Compassionate Communication Skills for COPD Care
Interactive course on First 5 Minutes®: Compassionate COPD Care
Developed by CHEST in collaboration with Sanofi & Regeneron

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM
The MedEd Career Lab: Build, Connect, Lead (An APCCMPD Session)

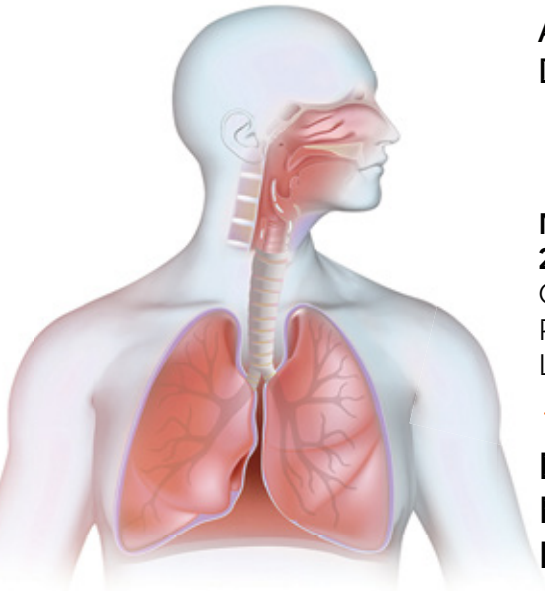
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9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
Navigating Research During Training

Explore GSK Medical Education at CHEST:

Beyond the Airway, Behind the Science

Join us at CHEST to learn more from respiratory experts



Behind the Science: Ultra-Long-Acting Approach to Severe Asthma and Treatment Decision Making



Reynold A. Panettieri, Jr. MD



Corinne Young MSN, FNP, FCCP

Monday, October 19, 2026
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
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Phoenix Convention Center
Learning Theater 2

Beyond the Airway: From Inflammation to Intervention in COPD



Reynold A. Panettieri, Jr. MD

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
10:30 am - 11:15 am
CHEST 2026 Annual Meeting
Phoenix Convention Center
Learning Theater 1

Learn more

Explore the RespiSphere: Understand mechanisms, bridge care gaps and delve into the science

Visit GSK US Medical Affairs at our medical booth

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

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Opening Session, Convocation, and Keynote	8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
APP Forum Lunch *Platinum Sponsor: Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.* *Bronze Sponsor: United Therapeutics*	11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
CHEST All-Attendee Welcome Reception	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Education Hours	8:00 AM – 5:30 PM
Exhibit Hall Hours	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Women in Chest Medicine Luncheon	12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Career Fair	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Trainee Lounge Wine and Cheese Reception	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Networks Mixer	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
APP Reception	5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Cultures and Communities Reception	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
CHEST After Hours	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Education Hours	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Exhibit Hall Hours	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Respiratory Care Luncheon *Sponsored by The National Board for Respiratory Care*	12:15 PM – 1:45 PM
CHEST Challenge Reception	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
CHEST Challenge Championship	6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Education Hours	8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Exhibit Hall Hours	10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

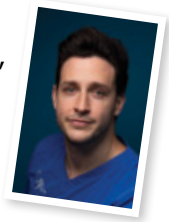
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SUNDAY October 18

Opening Session, Convocation, and Keynote

West Building, Ballroom 301BC
8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Keynote Speaker



Mikhail Varshavski, DO, also known as Doctor Mike

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Also Featuring:

- Welcome Address by CHEST 2026 Scientific Program Committee Chair Amy Morris, MD, FCCP
- Presidential Speech by Neil Freedman, MD, FCCP
- FCCP Convocation Ceremony
- CHEST Awards Recognition

APP Forum Lunch

West Building, Ballroom 301A
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

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See page 32 for more information about APP activities at CHEST 2026



CHEST All-Attendee Welcome Reception

The Duce Phoenix
525 S Central Ave
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

ROOM ▼	9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12:15 PM – 1:15 PM
NORTH BUILDING 124A	Practice-Changing Research in COPD, Presented by *CHEST*® Journal	Severe ARDS in Focus: Emerging Insights	
124B	Beyond RIPE: Exploring Strategies in Complex TB Management	Critical Care Breakthroughs in Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition	
125B	The Gut-Lung-Muscle Axis in Fibrotic ILD: Nutrition and Body Composition as Treatable Traits	Pleural Disease: Diagnostics and Therapeutics	
126B	Right Patient, Right Settings: Targeted Strategies for Managing NIV in COPD, OHS, and NMD		
127B	Mechanical Ventilation Waveforms: A Case-Based Approach	Navigating Complex Hemodynamics: Right Heart Catheterization, Waveforms, and Echocardiography	
128B	Asthma Comorbidities: Management Strategies	Turning Guidelines Into Action: Sleep-Disordered Breathing in Hospitalized Patients	
129A	Toward a Global Framework for Lung Health: The Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS) Lung Health Taskforce	Advancing Health Care Delivery	
129B	Live at CHEST – *ICU Ed and Todd-Cast*: Best Critical Care News at CHEST 2026	Advanced Therapies for PE	
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222B		Respiratory Viruses in 2026: Modern Challenges and Clinical Solutions in Pulmonary and Critical Care	
225B	From Numbers to Outcomes: Transforming How We Define Sleep Apnea Severity	Watch or Intervene? Pro-Con Debate on the Management of Subsolid Lung Nodules	
226A		Cross-Species Collaboration: Using Veterinary Insights to Advance Human Respiratory Disease Care	
227C	Empowering Educators: Real-Time Coaching for Procedural Competency		
228B	AI Fundamentals With Dr. B (Part 1): Build Your Own Digital Assistant	Women Across the Fibrosing ILD Lifespan: Physiology, Biology, and Pregnancy Decisions	
WEST BUILDING 101A	Critical Endocrinopathies in the ICU	Rheumatologic Emergencies in the ICU	
102A	Beyond the Tumor: The New Era of Lung Cancer Therapy	Central Airway Obstruction: Improving Outcomes by Implementing CHEST Guidelines	
103A	Ways of Knowing, Ways of Healing: Indigenous Perspectives in Medicine	Beyond the Monitors: Humanizing Dialogue – A Women in Chest Medicine, Health Equity, and LGBTQ+ at CHEST Collaboration	
104B	Small Airways Dysfunction: Beyond Spirometry	Fibrosing Mediastinitis: Diagnosis, Mimics, and Multidisciplinary Management	
105C	Right Ventricular Failure: Spectrum of an Underrecognized Threat	The Crashing Patient With Status Asthmaticus: A Choose Your Own Adventure Case-Based Review	
106C	Imaging ILD: The Big Four	Guidelines for Hemodynamic Monitoring in Adult Patients With Septic Shock: Part 1 Literature Update	
301A			
▲ ROOM	9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

See page 66 for industry-supported CME lunch symposia

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	ROOM	
Hot Topics in Cardiothoracic Surgery	Unexpected Cardiac Manifestations of Systemic Disease	Home Sleep Testing: New CPT Codes and Expected Payment Changes	124A	NORTH BUILDING
Learning Smarter: Innovation in Clinical Education	Atypical Chest Infections Across the Immunological Spectrum	Decoding Downloads and Oximetry: Case-Based Pitfalls and Pearls in Managing Hypoventilation	124B	
Asthma: Insights From Biologics, Immunotherapy, and Acute Care	Myositis-Associated ILD: A Heterogeneous Disease	HFpEF Broken Down: Advances in Management	125B	
Travel in Special Populations: Tailored Management for Unique Pulmonary Challenges	Current Updates in CSA, OHS, and OSA-COPD Overlap Syndrome	Altitude Adventures: Navigating Lung Disease, Oxygen, and Ventilators	126B	
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Reframing COPD: Phenotypes, Outcomes, Therapeutics, and the Future of Care Delivery	Beyond the Tumor: Unusual Complications in Lung Cancer	Impact of Removal of Race Correction in Pulmonary Function Tests on Equitable Delivery of Care	129B	
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Guidelines vs Real-Life Expert Decisions in Pulmonary Hypertension Treatment: A Conversation With Experts			226A	
Honing Your Skills in Point-of-Care Ultrasonography Documentation, Quality Assurance, and Billing		Cardiopulmonary Skills for the Modern ICU: Game On	227C	
Sleep Better to Breathe Better: How Managing Sleep Disorders Impacts Pulmonary Disease	GLP-1 Receptor Agonists Beyond Weight Loss: Periprocedural Implications, Pulmonary Sequelae, and Cardiometabolic Benefits	Future of Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Tele-Rehab and Individualized Care – A Pro-Con Debate	228B	
Navigating Tracheostomy Patient Selection and Postprocedure Complications	Sepsis-Induced Cardiogenic Shock	Deresuscitation in Patients Who Are Critically Ill	101A	WEST BUILDING
Bronchiectasis 2026: Guidance for the General Pulmonologist	Lung Cancer Redefined: Disparities, New Demographics, and Paths to Equity	Tumor Board 2.0: Innovation in Multidisciplinary Tumor Ablation	102A	
Interstitial Lung Disease – A Fleischner Society Session	Imaging in Pulmonary Hypertension – A Fleischner Society Session	Can AI Be Leveraged to Make Us More Human: A Pro-Con Debate	103A	
Moving Toward Evidence-Based Management of CTD-ILD	Veteran Lung Health: Evaluation of Those Who Served	Tobacco Cessation in Young Adults and Adolescents: Easier Said Than Done	104B	
Challenging Community-Acquired Pneumonia Decisions With the 2025 ATS Clinical Practice Guidelines	On the Line: Vascular Access Controversies in the ICU	Bronchoscopy Emergencies for the Pulmonary Intensivist	105C	
Guidelines for Hemodynamic Monitoring in Adult Patients With Septic Shock: Part 2 Literature Update	Real-World Quandaries in Pulmonary Embolism: Rapid-Fire Clinical Dilemmas		106C	
	Pulmonary Year in Review: Bronchiectasis, Lung Cancer, and COPD	Pulmonary Year in Review: ILD, Lung Transplant, and Pulmonary Vascular Disease	301A	
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NORTH BUILDING

Ballroom 120

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM
Bronchoscopic Management of Bleeding

9:45 AM – 11:45 AM
NEW! High-Stakes Ultrasound: POCUS for ECMO and Shock Crisis Management

9:45 AM – 12:15 PM
Can't Intubate, Can't Oxygenate: EGA and Cricothyrotomy for the Failed Airway

9:45 AM – 12:45 PM
- Advanced Critical Care Echocardiography
- Mastering Home Mechanical Ventilation in Neuromuscular Respiratory Failure for Adults and Pediatrics

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Acute Management of High-Flow Nasal Cannula and Noninvasive Ventilation: A Hands-On Experience
- Airway Foreign Body Management
- Chest Tube Placement and Management
- EBUS-Based Mediastinal Anatomy: Nodes, Vessels, and Landmarks
- Escape: Intubate This Patient, and Fast!

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Ultrasonography to Facilitate Vascular Access, Pleural Procedures, and Paracentesis

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
- Escape: Intubate This Patient, and Fast!
- VV ECMO: Who, When, and How to Address Emergencies

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- The Bronchoscopy Grand Slam: Critical Skills and Complication Management Techniques
- The Soiled Airway: When Blood and Puke Hits the Screen
- Transesophageal Echocardiography for the Intensivist

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Optimal Use of Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing in Patient Care

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM
- Escape: Intubate This Patient, and Fast!
- Mastering Bronchoscopy-Assisted Percutaneous Tracheostomy Skills: Scope, Guide, Place, Troubleshoot

2:45 PM – 4:45 PM
Patient-Ventilator Asynchrony: Improving Clinical Decision-Making

Room 223

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM
A Guidelines-Based Approach to Evaluation of Pulmonary Nodules
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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Challenging Cases in Hypoxemic Respiratory Failure: From Airway Management to ECMO

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Complications of Cancer Therapies: A Changing Landscape

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM
Challenging Interstitial Lung Disease Cases
SOLD OUT

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Mastering Biologics in Asthma SOLD OUT

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MONDAY October 19

Women in Chest Medicine Luncheon
West Building, Room 301A
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Early registration required



Trainee Lounge Wine and Cheese Reception
North Building, Room 224B
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
For trainees only

Career Fair
Lower Level, Lobby
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Networks Mixer
West Building, Ballroom 301A
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

APP Reception
Renaissance Phoenix Downtown, Grand Ballroom North
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
See page 32 for more information about APP activities at CHEST 2026

Cultures and Communities Reception
Renaissance Phoenix Downtown, Grand Ballroom South
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

CHEST After Hours
Renaissance Phoenix Downtown, Pueblo Room
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
RSVP suggested
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NORTH BUILDING	121B	The Hematologic ICU	Transitioning the Patient Who Is Critically Ill and Receiving Organ Support to Comfort Care	When Pleural Effusions Turn Ugly: High-Risk Pleural Effusions in the Real World
	122B	Lung Cancer Diagnosis and Staging: Evolving Guidelines	Asthma Beyond Eosinophils: Treating Patients With Low Biomarker Profiles	Clots Be Gone: A Multidisciplinary Approach to CTEPH
	124A	Closing the Gap: Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Asthma	Fungi in Disguise: Challenging Presentations of Invasive Fungal Disease	Heart Failure: From Decline to Renewal
	124B	Hypoventilation Syndromes Across the Lifespan: Tools and Approaches for Effective Care Transitions	Drug Overdoses and Exposures	Toward Precision Pneumonia Management: Integrating Diagnostics, Biomarkers, and AI
	125B		Novel Neurocritical Care Cases	Imaging Innovations in Chest Medicine: Seeing the Signal
	126B	Innovation and Emerging Approaches in Airways Disease – A Canadian Thoracic Society Session	Emerging Perspectives in Interstitial Lung Disease – A Canadian Thoracic Society Session	Emerging Technologies in Respiratory Medicine – A Canadian Thoracic Society Session
	127B	Complex Cardiovascular Decisions in the ICU	Pardon the Disruption: Interventional Pulmonology	Bronchoscopic Diagnosis and Staging of Lung Cancer: Implementing the AABIP Guidelines
	128B	The Discretionary Reader: Alfred Soffer's Blueprint for Medical Integrity and Bedside Autonomy	The Golden Age of Interventional Pulmonology: Lessons From Three Decades of Clinical Innovation, Research, and Training	Multidisciplinary Challenges in Interstitial Lung Disease: An Imaging-Focused Interactive Discussion – A Society of Thoracic Radiology Session
	129A	Breaking the CLAD Code: From Early Signals to Precision Therapy	Lung Pathology: Beyond the Lungs	Resuscitation Reconsidered: Hemodynamic-Guided Care From Fluids to Pressors
	129B	CHEST Guidelines: Year in Review	Experiences With Sotatercept: Remodeling the Future	Complications of Lung Cancer Treatments
	131	Bronchiectasis and NTM Workshop - Bridging Our Knowledge for the Future: Early Diagnosis and Pathways for Treatment *This session is supported in part by independent medical educational grants from Insmed Incorporated and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*		*Visit the Exhibit Hall* →
	225B		Endotypes: Understanding and Treating OSA	Teaching Beyond the Curriculum: Creating Lasting Impact Through Mentorship, Curiosity, and Connection
	226A	From Hype to Hands-On: Real-World AI Skills for Busy Clinicians		Beyond the Smoke: A Case-Based Master Class in Modern Smoking Cessation for Pulmonary Clinicians
	227C	Difficult Airway Management: High-Risk Anatomy		Acute Stroke Evaluation and Management: From Scan to Survival
	228B	Best of *CHEST*® Journals, Presented by *CHEST*® Journal, *CHEST*® *Critical Care*, and *CHEST*® *Pulmonary*	Critical Problem Solving: Navigating Postcardiotomy Shock in the Cardiovascular ICU	
WEST BUILDING	101A	Decoding ILD: A Core Interactive Radiology Workshop for Pulmonologists	Yes, And: Harnessing Improv to Transform Medical Education	The Role of Advanced Practice Providers in Bronchoscopy: Should We Question Progress or Precedent? – An APAPP Session
	102A	Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency: New Advancements in Diagnosis and Treatment	Improving Adherence of Lung Cancer Screening	The Lure of Immunosuppression and Dual Antifibrotics in ILD: A Pro-Con Debate
	103A	Skiing With Your Ventilator: Respiratory Devices Outside the Home	Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing: Challenging Interactive Cases	Mucus Plugging in Airway Disorders: From Imaging to Therapeutics
	104B	Video Case-Based Inhaler Vignettes and Hands-On Inhaler Use: Potential Inhaler Switch	High Risk, High Mortality: Critical ID Challenges in Patients Who Are Immunocompromised	Sleep Medicine Network Session
	105C	Expanding Lung Cancer Screening: Participation, Community Outreach, and EMR Initiatives	Pneumothorax in 2026: Best Practices, Bedside Tricks, and Case-Based Decision-Making	Critical Care Network Session
	106C	Challenging Populations in Tracheostomy Decannulation: Get This Out of My Neck!	Challenging Cases in RBD, Circadian Rhythms, and Insomnia	Airways Disorders Network Session
	301A	Critical Care Year in Review – I	Critical Care Year in Review – II	
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Acute Organ Support in ARDS	Mastering the Art of Setting NIV: It's More Than Just 10/5!	Cardiac Toxidromes in Patients Who Are Critically Ill	121B	NORTH BUILDING
Controversies in Mild Asthma: A Pro-Con Debate	Status Asthmaticus: A Case-Based Approach	Pulmonary Hypertension Hemodynamics in the Wild West: Follow the Yellow Snake Trail	122B	
Cardiogenic Shock: Devices, Decisions, and the Future	International Medical Graduates in Pulmonary Care: From Training Challenges to Career Planning	A Closer Look at Burnout and Well-Being Through the Lens of Diverse Health Care Providers	124A	
Mechanical Ventilation Liberation: Diaphragm Phenotyping and Extubation Risk Prediction	Changing Tides and a Blast From the Past: Modern Challenges in Occupational Lung Disease	Massive Hemoptysis: A Systemic Approach	124B	
Sepsis Beyond Pathogens	Pulmonary Infections Clinical Case Puzzlers	Pulmonary Function Crossfire: Cases at the Intersection of Physiology and Clinical Medicine	125B	
Are Biologics in COPD the Future Standard of Care? – A Canadian Thoracic Society Session	A Year in Review: Updates in OSA	Essentials in Sleep Apnea Management for Pulmonologists	126B	
Outpatient Pleural Clinics: Expanding Horizons in Ambulatory Pleural Disease Care	Reimagining Pleural Care: Innovative Pathways for Malignant Effusion Management	Treatment of Early-Stage Lung Cancer: New Horizons in the Age of Sublobar Resection	127B	
	Waiting to Exhale: Half the Population, Half the Evidence in Women's Lung Health	2026 Bronchiectasis and NTM Lung Disease Management: Improving Care Delivery	128B	
ILD: Emerging Insights	Can We Transplant These High-Risk Lung Transplant Candidates?	Updates in Management of Sarcoidosis	129A	
Lung Cancer Management and Outcomes	Timing of Transition From Pediatric to Adult Health Care	Diffuse Lung Disease Clinical Case Puzzlers	129B	
Patient Perspectives: Patients With COPD Tell Their Stories *Developed by CHEST in collaboration with Sanofi & Regeneron*			131	
Diaphragmatic Pacing: New Devices and a Changing Landscape	Practice-Changing Research in Diffuse Lung Disease Presented by *CHEST*® Journal	AI in Lung Imaging, Procedures, and Cytology	225B	
	Hands-On Interactive Session on Airway Clearance Techniques and Devices in Bronchiectasis		226A	
Intermediate-Risk PE Showdown: A Battle of Clinical Knowledge		Death by Neurological Criteria: Challenging Cases	227C	
When Systems Collide: Pulmonary Clues to Autoimmune, GI, and Renal Disease	Demystifying Cystic Lung Diseases: A Practical Approach	Lung Pathology Review for Daily Practice and Board Exams	228B	
Leveraging AI for Critical Care Education: Lessons from a Mixed-Methods Study of ChatGPT-Assisted Learning – An APCCMPD and CHEST Session	How to Be an Influencer – An APCCMPD and CHEST Session	The Mentoring Mindset: Bridging the Generational Gap for Teaching and Mentoring in Uncertain Times – An APCCMPD and CHEST Session	101A	WEST BUILDING
Frailty in Advanced Lung Disease: Definitions, Differences, and the Road to Optimization	Practical Cardiology Updates for the ICU	Old Drugs, New Tricks: The Reemergence of Drug Repurposing for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	102A	
Artificial Intelligence in Pulmonary Hypertension: Hype or Help	High-Altitude and Deep-Sea Physiology: Impact of Altitude, Air Travel, and Diving on Pulmonary Disorders	High-Consequence Infectious Threats in Critical Care	103A	
Tracheostomy Toolkit: A Hands-On Approach to Skill Enhancement	Underdiagnosed, Undermanaged: The Modern Challenge of Diaphragm Dysfunction	PERT Blueprint: Building, Scaling, Sustaining	104B	
Heatstroke in a Hotter World: ICU Management, Prevention, and Future Directions	Molecular Markers of Lung Cancer: Delivering Personalized Care	Home-Based Diagnosis and Treatment for COPD	105C	
New Evidence in Airway Management: Preventing Complications During Tracheal Intubation	Mechanical Ventilation and VV-ECMO: Competing Priorities, Unified Goals	ECMO Candidacy Decisions: Does Everyone Get ECMO?	106C	
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EXHIBIT HALL OPEN (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM) Rapid-Fire Abstract Presentations (10:20 AM – 10:50 AM) Case Report Poster Presentations (12:30 PM – 1:15 PM) Rapid-Fire Case Report Presentations (2:35 PM – 3:05 PM)			EXHIBIT HALL	
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MONDAY'S TICKETED EVENTS

NORTH BUILDING

Ballroom 120

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
A Patient-Centered Approach to Management of Pleural Effusion

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Mastering Home Mechanical Ventilation in Neuromuscular Respiratory Failure for Adults and Pediatrics

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
From Crisis to Control: Stabilizing the Crashing Patient

9:15 AM – 10:45 AM
NEW! Don't Get VExUS-ed Up! Mastering Venous Congestion at the Bedside

9:15 AM – 11:15 AM
Patient-Ventilator Asynchrony: Improving Clinical Decision-Making

9:15 AM – 12:15 PM
The Bronchoscopy Grand Slam: Critical Skills and Complication Management Techniques

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- ECMO Cannulation and Initiation
- Bronchoscopic Management of Bleeding

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Airway Nightmares: A Simulated Comprehensive APPROACH for Success

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
- Bronchoscopic Management of Bleeding
- Chest Tube Placement and Management
- ECMO Cannulation and Initiation

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Optimal Use of Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing in Patient Care

2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Mastering Ventilator Management in Acute Respiratory Failure: A Hands-On Experience

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Thoracic and Diaphragm Ultrasound for the ICU, Consults, and Clinic

2:45 PM – 4:45 PM
NEW! Interventional Strategies for Persistent Air Leak: Endobronchial Valves, Blood Patch, and Talc Pleurodesis

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM
- EBUS-Based Mediastinal Anatomy: Nodes, Vessels, and Landmarks
- ECMO Cannulation and Initiation

3:15 PM – 5:15 PM
Your Complete Hands-On Guide to Pediatric and Adult Chronic Tracheostomies

3:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Awake Intubation in the ICU, Guideline-Based: This Is NOT the Bronch Suite

Room 223

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
COPD Management: Applying Evidence-Based Approaches to Complex and Challenging Cases

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
A New Era in Pulmonary Embolism Management
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1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Advanced Positive Pressure Therapies and Noninvasive Ventilation

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM
Pulmonary Hypertension: Evolving Strategies and Complex Cases

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Chronic Cough: When Standard Approaches Fall Short

EXHIBIT HALL

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Master Ultrasonography in Minutes: One-on-One Coaching for Vascular and Pleural Procedures
(4 half-hour sessions: 11:00 AM, 11:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 12:30 PM)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
NEW! Acute Hidden Pressure: A Quick Intro to Esophageal Manometry
(2 half-hour sessions: 12:00 PM, 12:30 PM)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
NEW! Master Ultrasonography in Minutes: One-on-One Coaching for Cardiac Point-of-Care Ultrasound
(4 half-hour sessions: 2:00 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 3:30 PM)

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11:15 AM – 12:00 PM
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TUESDAY October 20

Respiratory Care Luncheon

West Building, Room 301A
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM
Sponsored by The National Board for Respiratory Care
Early registration required

CHEST Challenge Championship

West Building, Ballroom 301BC
5:00 PM – 7:15 PM
See page 38 to meet the finalists





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NORTH BUILDING 121B	Mastering Patient-Ventilator Synchrony in Invasive and Noninvasive Ventilation	Pulmonary Hypertension in Native Health: Clinical, Structural, and Cultural Complexities	Updates in COPD Management: GOLD 2026 and Beyond
122B	Beyond Inhalers: COPD Exacerbation Risk Reduction	Updates From Clinical Practice Guidelines for Severe ARDS	Pulmonary Vascular and Cardiovascular Network Session
124A	Practice-Changing Research in Chest Infections, Presented by *CHEST*® Journal	Cardiac Masqueraders and the Diagnoses That Changed Outcomes	Cardiovascular Inequities: Understanding Gaps in Care and Outcomes
124B	Optimizing Organ Donation: Strategies for the Intensivist	Shock Cases in Critical Care	Airway Management: Strategies, Hemodynamics, and Clinical Outcomes
125B	Demystifying CF and Non-CF Bronchiectasis Screening and Management and Navigating Comorbidities	Rare Causes of Pleural Effusion	Top Late-Breaking Abstracts: New Drugs, New Targets, New Tools
126B	Raising the Bar in Asthma Management: Moving to Clinical Remission and Disease Modification	Improving the Yield of Peripheral Navigation Bronchoscopes – An AABIP Session	Lessons From Negative Trials in Interventional Pulmonology: How Failure Refined Modern Practice – An AABIP Session
127B	Critical Illness in Pregnancy: Curbing Maternal and Fetal Mortality	New Medications for Treatment of OSA: The SynAIRgy and LunAIRo Trials	Advanced Care of the Oncology Patient Who Is Critically Ill: A Pro-Con Debate
128B	Updates in Sleep Disturbances: Beyond Sleep-Disordered Breathing		
129A		Pulmonary Manifestations of Immune Disorders	Hypoxemia and Ventilatory Failure: From Mechanisms to Intervention
129B		Procedural Complications: Catastrophic Events and Real-Time Rescue	New Insights in Lung Cancer Screening
131		Patient Perspectives: Living With Bronchiectasis and NTM *Developed by CHEST in collaboration with Insmed Incorporated*	
225B	Lung Transplantation Clinical Case Puzzlers	Diffuse Lung Disease Clinical Case Puzzlers II	Beyond Childhood: Unmasking Cystic Fibrosis in Adults
226A	PE Pressure Cooker LIVE! High-Risk PE Pro-Con Debate With the Critical Care Time PERTs		Hands-On Mastery of Home Ventilation Downloads in Adults and Children: From Data to Decisions
227C	Measuring What Matters: Confronting the Pseudo-Productivity Paradox in Modern Medicine		Paths to Recovery: A Case-Based Journey Through Cardiogenic Shock Hosted by *Critical Care Time*
228B		The New 2026 AHA PE Guidelines: Compare, Contrast, Consensus	The Struggling Clinician: Recognition and Support Across the Care Team
WEST BUILDING 101A	Critical Care Master Class: New Horizons in Refractory Septic Shock	Update on the Changing Treatment Landscape of Severe COPD	Global Perspectives in Advanced Lung Disease: How We Learn From Each Other
102A	Practical AI in ILD and IPF: Real-World Clinical Applications	AI Fundamentals With Dr. B (Part 2): How to Talk (and Correct) Your AI and Why You Should Care	Chest Infections and Disaster Response Network Session
103A	Advancing Healthy Work Environments: Data, Action, and Interdisciplinary Impact – An AACN Session	Update on Endemic Fungi: Effects of Climate Change and Immunosuppression on Endemic Fungal Diseases	Life-Threatening Dermatologic Conditions
104B	Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome in the ICU	Screening and Management of OSA in Pregnancy: Review of Etiology and New Guidelines From CHEST	Diffuse Lung Disease and Lung Transplant Network Session
105C	Infection in Pleural Space: Diagnostic Dilemmas and Multidisciplinary Solutions	Toxicology in the 21st Century: A Look at Novel Psychoactive Substances	Thoracic Oncology and Chest Procedures Network Session
106C	Contemporary Challenges in Necrotizing Pneumonia: A Case-Based Discussion	Mechanical Ventilation in Special Populations	Clinical Integration of Advanced Critical Care Echocardiography
EXHIBIT HALL			
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	Taking Your Breath Away: Interstitial Lung Disease and Pulmonary Hypertension		121B	NORTH BUILDING
	Critical Decisions: Liberating Your Patient From Mechanical Ventilation	ECPR in Critical Care: New Horizons in Resuscitation	122B	
	Cardiac Ischemia: Fresh Perspectives	The Impact of Presence: Building Trust, Credibility, and Influence Across the Health Care Ecosystem	124A	
	Advances in TB: Diagnosis and Care	Non-CF Bronchiectasis Across the Lifespan: Progress, Updated Recommendations, and Emerging Therapies	124B	
	Fluid and Renal Therapies in Critical Illness: Evidence, Intensity, and Outcomes	Asthma for the Experts: Evaluating and Managing Patients Who Don't Respond to Biologics	125B	
	Blood and Pus in the Pleural Space: What to Drain, When, and How – An AABIP Session	A Decade in Review: The Landmark Trials That Redefined Airway and Pleural Disease Management – An AABIP Session	126B	
	Pardon the Disruption: Debating Evidence-Based Care in Bronchiectasis	Multimodal Neuroprognostication After Cardiac Arrest	127B	
	Complications of Cancer Therapy: A Case-Based Approach	Exploring Single and Combination Therapies in IPF: Better Together?	128B	
	Strategies in Complex Obstructive Lung Disease: Acute Care Outcomes and Management	Acute Respiratory Failure in Pregnancy	129A	
	PH and Lung Disease: Updates in Diagnosis and Treatment		129B	
		Patient Perspectives: Collaborative Care in PH-ILD *Developed by CHEST in collaboration with United Therapeutics*	131	
	Challenges in Drug Development: The Brensocatib Example	Advancing Sleep Medicine: AI and the Future of Sleep	225B	
	Therapy and Phenotype in Central Sleep Apnea: Adaptive Servo-Ventilation vs Phrenic Nerve Stimulation		226A	
	From Theory to Practice: A Deep Dive Into Quality Improvement in Medical Education		227C	
	Climate Change as a Mass Casualty Threat: Implications for Critical Care Systems	Lung Transplant Patients in the Community: Early Recognition, Initial Management, and Timely Referral	228B	
	Pleural Frontiers: Innovations in Ultrasound for Diagnosis and Intervention	Building a Lung Nodule Program: Best Practices, Quality Metrics, and Use of Artificial Intelligence	101A	WEST BUILDING
	Should COPD Have Its Own Multidisciplinary Evaluation (MDE)? Building an MDE Team for Advanced COPD	Managing Complex NTM Disease: Immunocompromised Hosts, Structural Lung Diseases, and Refractory Cases	102A	
	Advancing Sleep Health Equity: Challenges in Providing Rural and Culturally Informed Care	The High-Performing Pulmonary Team: How Clinician-Respiratory Therapist Partnerships Improve Outcomes – An American Association for Respiratory Care Session	103A	
	Decoding Mediastinal Disease: Compartmental Approaches and Diagnostic Pathways	Alternative Home Diagnostics for Pediatric-Adult Sleep-Disordered Breathing: Oximetry and Wearables Video	104B	
	Optimizing Lung Protection in ARDS	POCUS Clips: Pearls, Protocols, and Pitfalls	105C	
	ICU Care for the Lung Transplant Recipient		106C	
EXHIBIT HALL OPEN (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM) Rapid-Fire Abstract Presentations (10:20 AM – 11:05 AM and 1:45 PM – 2:30 PM) Rapid-Fire Case Report Presentations (12:30 PM – 1:15 PM) Global Case Report Poster Presentations (1:45 PM – 2:30 PM)			EXHIBIT HALL	
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TUESDAY'S TICKETED EVENTS

NORTH BUILDING

Ballroom 120

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Your Complete Hands-On Guide to Pediatric and Adult Chronic Tracheostomies

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Mastering Ventilator Management in Acute Respiratory Failure: A Hands-On Experience

8:15 AM – 11:15 AM
Managing the Patient on ECMO From Start to Finish: VV, VA, and eCPR

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
- Comprehensive Endobronchial Ultrasound and Transbronchial Needle Aspiration
- Rescue the Awake Airway: A Crisis Playbook for Fiberoptic Failure

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
Chest Tube Placement and Management

9:15 AM – 11:15 AM
Ultrasonography to Facilitate Vascular Access, Pleural Procedures, and Paracentesis

9:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Echocardiography for the Rapid Assessment of Hemodynamic Failure

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
NEW! Calm Before the Storm: Optimizing Preintubation Settings and Managing Postintubation Complications

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Mastering Home Noninvasive Ventilation for the Pulmonary Patient (COPD/Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome)

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
EBUS-Based Mediastinal Anatomy: Nodes, Vessels, and Landmarks

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM
NEW! Guided by Pressure: Optimizing Ventilation With Esophageal Manometry

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Can't Intubate, Can't Oxygenate: EGA and Cricothyrotomy for the Failed Airway

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Advanced Critical Care Echocardiography

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM
NEW! ECMO for Refractory Cardiac Arrest: Who, When, and How

2:45 PM – 4:15 PM
NEW! The Evolving Art of Nodal Sampling: Cryo-EBUS and Beyond

2:45 PM – 4:45 PM
Mastering Home Noninvasive Ventilation for the Pulmonary Patient (COPD/Obesity Hypoventilation Syndrome)

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Acute Management of High-Flow Nasal Cannula and Noninvasive Ventilation: A Hands-On Experience

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Bronchoscopic Management of Bleeding

Room 223

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
The Do's and Don'ts of Lung Cancer Screening and Staging

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
Case-Based Radiology Series on ILD: An Interactive Session

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Sepsis and Shock: Cases and Controversies

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM
Management of Non-CF Bronchiectasis

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Best Practices in Managing Sarcoidosis

EXHIBIT HALL

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM
NEW! Master Ultrasonography in Minutes: One-on-One Coaching for Cardiac Point-of-Care Ultrasound
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1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Master Ultrasonography in Minutes: One-on-One Coaching for Vascular and Pleural Procedures
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WEDNESDAY October 21

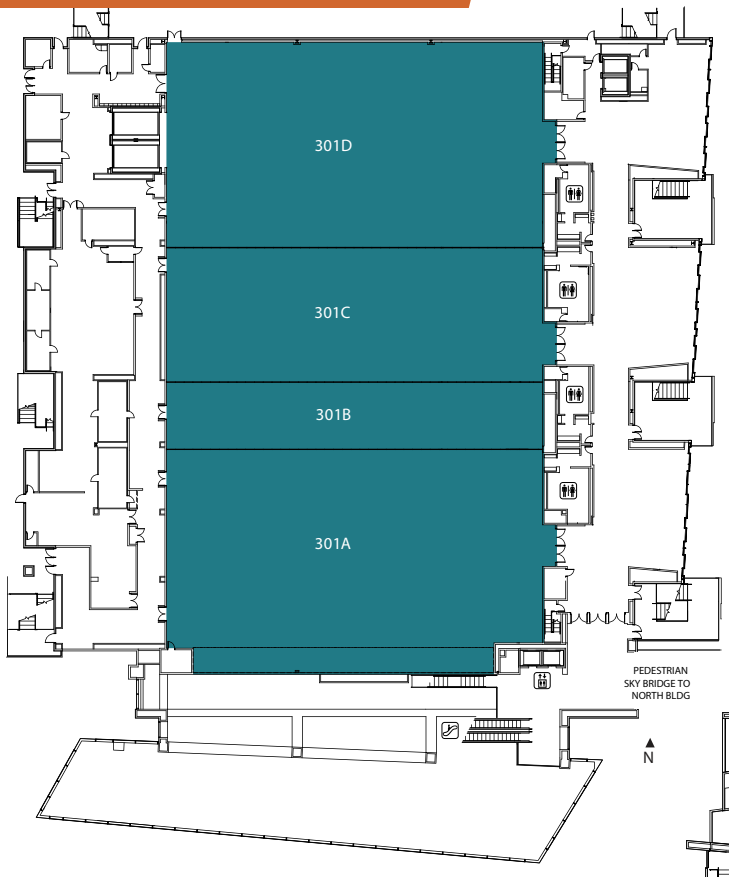
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NORTH BUILDING 121B	Practical Conversations Around End-of-Life Care in the ICU		Blood Transfusion Alternatives	Controversies in ARDS With RV Dysfunction	An Immersion in Severe Community-Acquired Pneumonia: 2026 Update
NORTH BUILDING 122B	Eosinophilia and the Lung: Thinking Beyond Type 2-High Asthma	CHEST Guidelines: What's Coming Down the Pike	2026 Sepsis Guidelines Update	Deventilation Syndrome in COPD: Identification, Phenotypes, and Implications for NIV Management	Liver Failure in Patients Who Are Critically Ill
NORTH BUILDING 124A	SGLT2i and GLP-1 Transforming the Heart	Rare Cardiac Finds That Changed Everything	Rhythms and Valves: Evolving Strategies in Cardiac Care	Beyond Cleared for Surgery: Pulmonary, Cardiac, and Anesthesia Approaches to Perioperative Risk	Clinical Case Snapshots in ILD Pathology
NORTH BUILDING 124B	ARDS: Immune Signaling, Metabolic Modulation, and Physiologic Heterogeneity	Critical Care Cases: Mixed Bag	Sarcoidosis: Optimizing Patient Care and Testing		
NORTH BUILDING 125B	Sepsis and Precision Medicine: Biomarkers, Endophenotypes, and Outcomes	Chest Imaging Leading to an Uncommon Diagnosis	Approaches to the Prelung Transplant Patient	Rewriting the COPD Playbook: What Biologics and Antialarmins Can Bring to the Table	
NORTH BUILDING 126B		Pulmonary Manifestations of HIV in the Modern Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Era	The Great Imitators: Lung Nodules, Cancer Mimics, and Fungal Disease	Management of Acquired Tracheoesophageal Fistulas in the Adult Population	Perioperative Management of Respiratory and Nonrespiratory Sleep Disorders
NORTH BUILDING 127B	Respiratory Management and Consideration in Patients With Neuromuscular Diseases	Adaptive Servo-Ventilation in Heart Failure: Who, When, and How	Rewriting OSA Care: How GLP-1 Therapies Are Reshaping Sleep Medicine	Nonresolving Pneumonias: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Road Map for Pulmonologists	New Lungs, New Problems: Evaluation and Management of Complications of Lung Transplant
NORTH BUILDING 128B	Publishing Teaching Initiatives: A Practical 5-Step Approach to Education Scholarship		Case-Based Discussion of Complex Pulmonary Function Patterns		
NORTH BUILDING 129A	Mechanical Ventilation Beyond Settings: Biomechanics, Automation, and Outcomes	When Lung Cancer Presents Unexpectedly	Complex Asthma: Phenotypes, Comorbidities, and Biologic Strategies	Caring for Patients With Severe Obesity in the ICU	
NORTH BUILDING 129B	Sleep Disorder Overlap Syndromes	More Than Metastases: Lymphatics, Blood, and Cancer in the Lung	Advances in Bronchoscopy		
NORTH BUILDING 225B	Pulmonary Infections Clinical Case Puzzlers II	Pleural Disease Clinical Case Puzzlers			
NORTH BUILDING 226A	Mastering ICU Skills for Effective Management of Acute Variceal Hemorrhage		Innovation and Best Practices in Lung Cancer Screening: Bridging Outpatient and Inpatient Opportunities		
NORTH BUILDING 228B	The Post-PE Clinic Playbook: Dyspnea Evaluation, Anticoagulation Strategy, and Follow-up Pathways	So, Who's Wearing the Mask? Masqueraders of Sarcoidosis	NIV Initiation in Home, Lab, and in Between: Lessons for Pediatric and Adult Providers		
WEST BUILDING 101A		Pulmonary Hypertension: From Accurate Diagnosis to Optimal Treatment	When PAH Goes Off the Curve: Managing the Extreme Cases in the ICU		
WEST BUILDING 102A	ILAs to ILD: Detecting Early Disease in the Age of Precision Medicine	Current Controversies in COPD: A Pro-Con Debate	Mechanical Ventilation: Is It All About the Power?		
WEST BUILDING 103A	Updates in Pediatric Pulmonology: Year in Review	Clearing the Air: Climate Change and Emerging Challenges in Pulmonary Disease	Refractory Chronic Cough: When It's More Than Just a Symptom		
WEST BUILDING 104B	Riot Medicine: Management Strategies of Nonlethal Police Weapons and Chemicals	How to Provide the Best Care for Patients With Narcolepsy and Idiopathic Hypersomnia			
WEST BUILDING 105C	Applying TNM-9 in Practice: Navigating Complex Case Scenarios With a Multidisciplinary Approach	Overuse Injury and Ergonomics in Pulmonary and Critical Care Procedures: Avoid the Pain	Role of Ultrasound in the Evaluation of Unexplained Dyspnea in the Outpatient Setting		
WEST BUILDING 106C	Acute RV Failure and Pulmonary Hypertension in the ICU	Challenging Ventilation Scenarios	Crossfire in Airway Management: Best Tracheal Intubation Practices?		
EXHIBIT HALL			**EXHIBIT HALL OPEN (10:00 AM – 2:30 PM)** Rapid-Fire Case Report Presentations (10:20 AM – 11:05 AM and 12:30 PM – 1:15 PM) Abstract Poster Presentations (10:20 AM – 11:05 AM) Case Report Poster Presentations (12:30 PM – 1:15 PM)		
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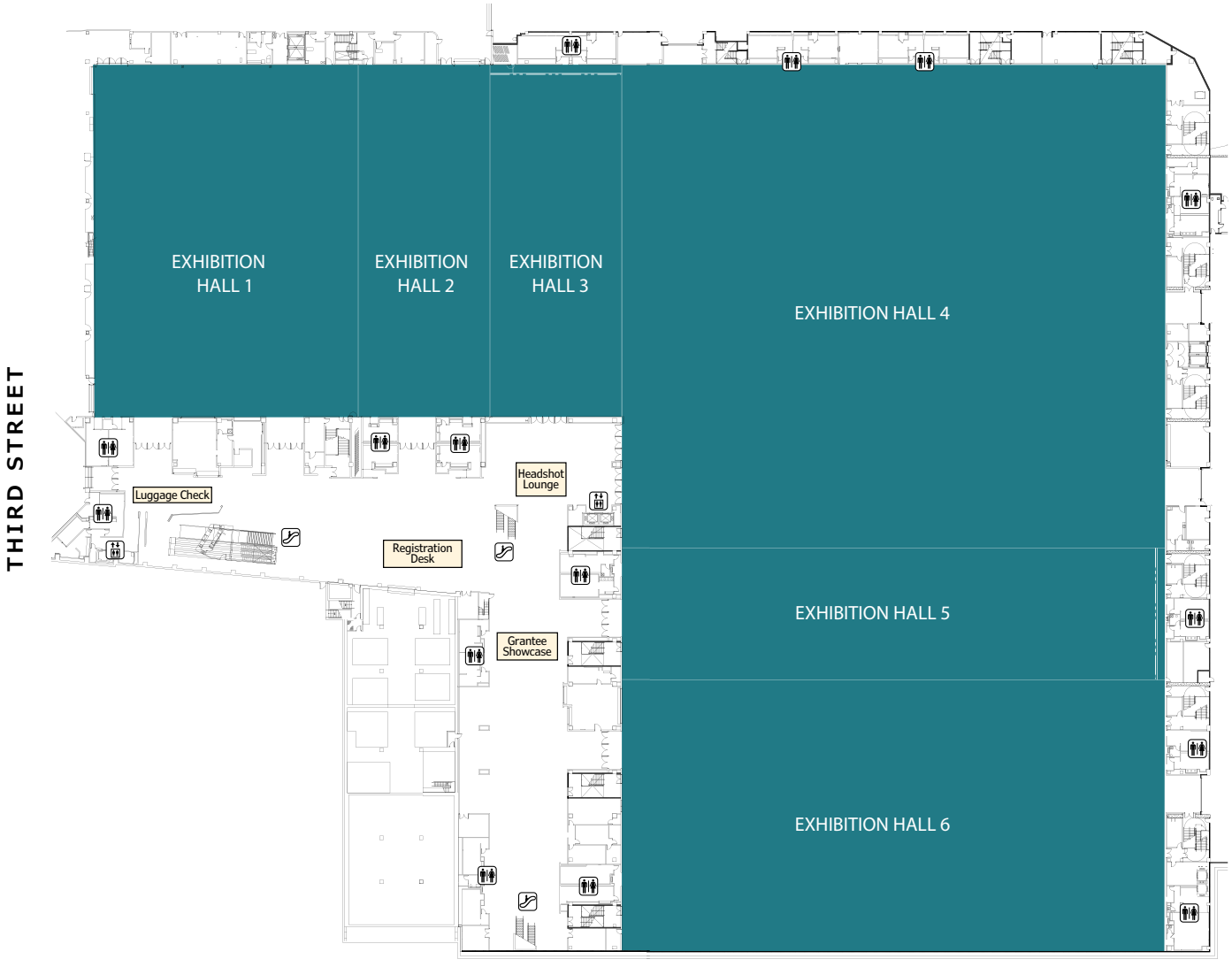
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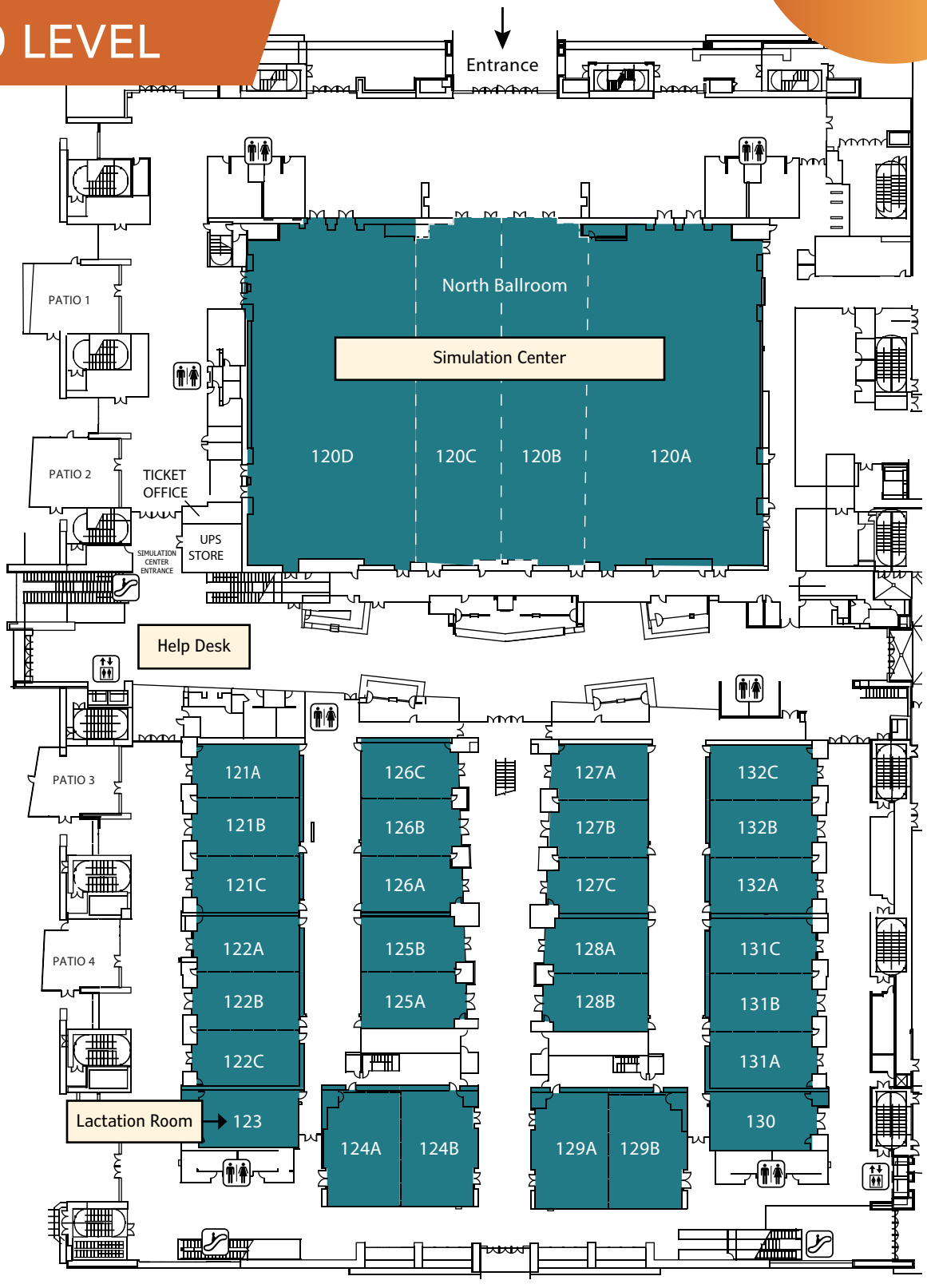
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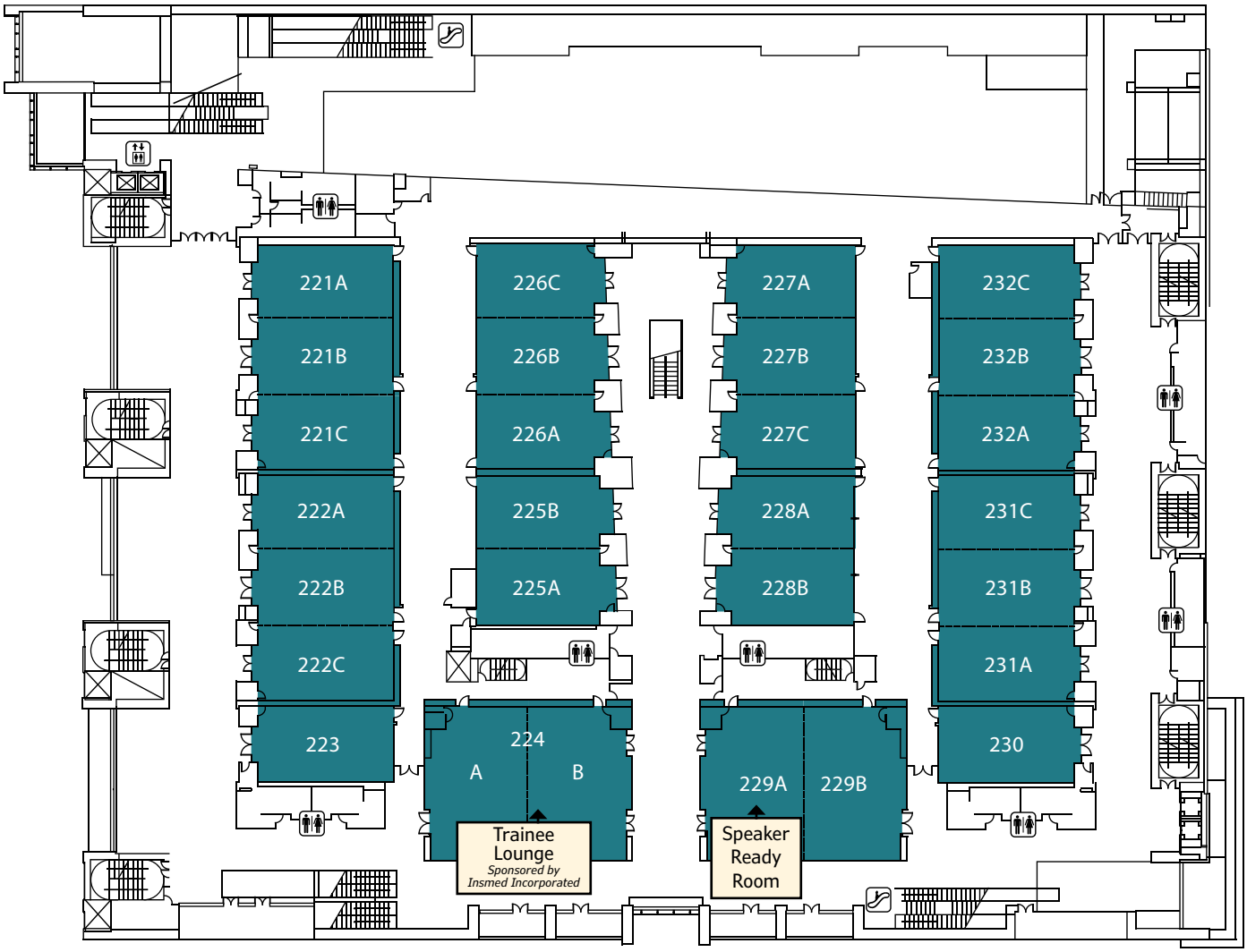
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POWERFUL *Together*

In a keynote conversation with CHEST President Neil Freedman, MD, FCCP, the social media star known as Doctor Mike will discuss technology challenges of modern medical practice

Chest compressions. Chest compressions. Chest compressions.

Repeated rhythmically, these two familiar words create a powerful cadence—a life-saving directive easily recalled when every second is critical. When the stakes are high, the right information has to cut through the noise.

"Chest compressions" is also the signature catchphrase of Mikhail Varshavski, DO—better known as Doctor Mike on social media—and perfectly captures his medical philosophy. As a board-certified family medicine physician and educator, his approach to patient care is rooted in making reliable health information easily accessible.

"In my day-to-day job as a family doctor, I see what confuses patients, what they need more education on. And then, as a creator, I can address those questions at scale and give people tools to evaluate health claims for themselves," said Doctor Mike, the most-followed doctor on social media. "Think of it like vaccinating the audience with knowledge to prevent them from falling ill from misinformation."

Opening Session, Convocation, and Keynote
Sunday, October 18 | 8:00 AM
West Building, Ballroom 301BC

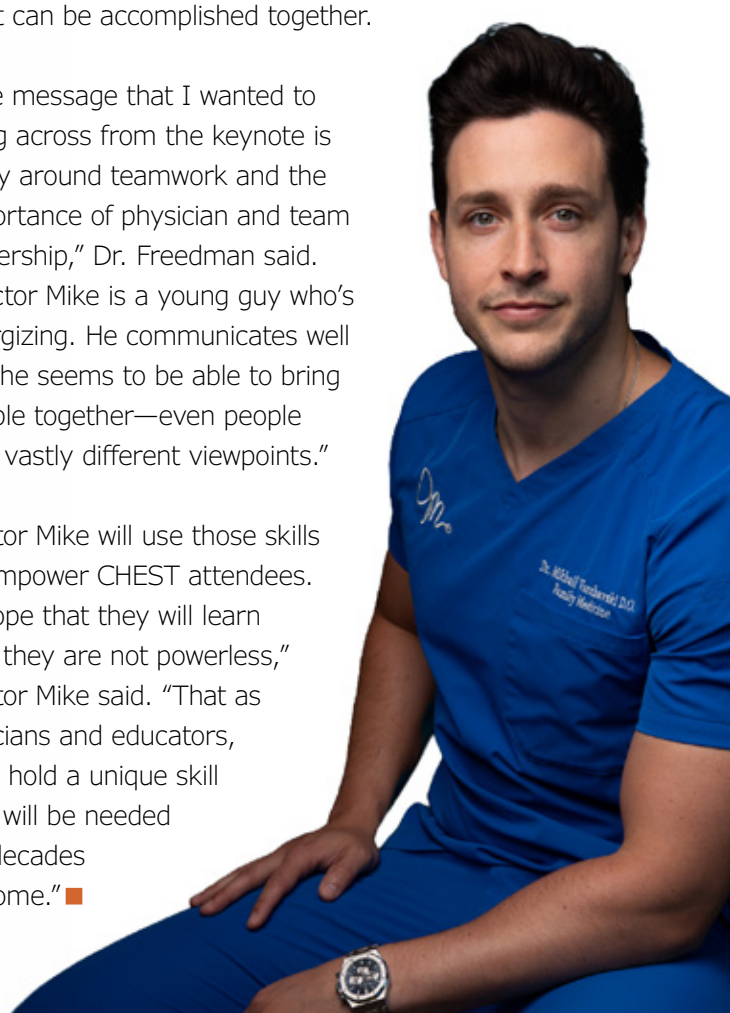
When he's not practicing medicine, Doctor Mike creates online videos debunking medical misinformation to an audience of more than 30 million across platforms like YouTube and Instagram. His podcast, *The Checkup with Doctor Mike*, has welcomed major figures like former Vice President Kamala Harris and Emmy-winning actor Noah Wyle. It all began as a way to share his journey through medical school and residency.

Doctor Mike will join CHEST President Neil Freedman, MD, FCCP, in a fireside chat-like keynote presentation during the CHEST 2026 Opening Session that begins at 8:00 AM on Sunday, October 18, in Ballroom 301BC of the West Building. The duo will discuss technology challenges of modern medical practice and the importance of leadership.

Dr. Freedman hopes his conversation with Doctor Mike will offer something increasingly valuable—a reminder of what can be accomplished together.

"The message that I wanted to bring across from the keynote is really around teamwork and the importance of physician and team leadership," Dr. Freedman said. "Doctor Mike is a young guy who's energizing. He communicates well and he seems to be able to bring people together—even people with vastly different viewpoints."

Doctor Mike will use those skills to empower CHEST attendees. "I hope that they will learn that they are not powerless," Doctor Mike said. "That as clinicians and educators, they hold a unique skill that will be needed for decades to come." ■



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HONOR AND MEMORIAL LECTURES

The CHEST 2026 Honor and Memorial Lectures recognize individuals who are advancing chest medicine, mentorship, training, and more. Ahead of the annual meeting, the chest medicine community nominated the honorees to deliver lectures on topics including critical care, interventional medicine, mechanical ventilation, medical education, and COPD. Lectures are spread out across the meeting program, giving attendees the opportunity to hear the honorees' unique perspectives.

DEDICATION TO EDUCATION

Do you want to support excellence in education and invest in your peers' research, clinical practice advancements, and commitment to chest medicine? Scan the QR code or visit **chestnet.org/donate** to make a gift to CHEST. Select "Dedication to education" to help us enhance and expand Honor and Memorial Lectures at future annual meetings.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM



MARGARET PFROMMER ENDOWED MEMORIAL LECTURE IN HOME-BASED MECHANICAL VENTILATION

Bernardo Selim, MD, FCCP

Home Mechanical Ventilation: The Enduring Value of Respiratory Physiology in an Algorithmic Era

North Building, Room 131

This lecture is jointly supported by CHEST and the International Ventilator Users Network of Post-Polio Health International.

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM



ROGER C. BONE MEMORIAL LECTURE IN CRITICAL CARE

Todd W. Rice, MD, FCCP

Leveraging a Learning Health Care System to Improve the Care of Critically Ill Patients

North Building, Room 131

The lecture is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM



MURRAY KORNFELD PRESIDENTIAL HONOR LECTURE

Lisa F. Wolfe, MD, FCCP

Sleep Medicine: A Stop on the Internet of Things

North Building, Room 131

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM



ALFRED SOFFER, MD, MASTER FCCP MEMORIAL LECTURE

Lisa K. Moores, MD, FCCP

The Discretionary Reader: Alfred Soffer's Blueprint for Medical Integrity and Bedside Autonomy

North Building, Room 128

The lecture is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM



PASQUALE CIAGLIA MEMORIAL LECTURE IN INTERVENTIONAL MEDICINE

Adnan Majid, MD, FCCP

The Golden Age of Interventional Pulmonology: Lessons From Three Decades of Clinical Innovation, Research, and Training

North Building, Room 128

The lecture is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM



EDWARD C. ROSENOW III, MD, MASTER FCCP/MASTER TEACHER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Carla R. Lamb, MD, FCCP

Teaching Beyond the Curriculum: Creating Lasting Impact Through Mentorship, Curiosity, and Connection

North Building, Room 225

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3:15 PM – 4:15 PM



THOMAS L. PETTY, MD, MASTER FCCP MEMORIAL LECTURE

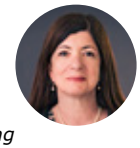
Dawn L. De Meo, MD, FCCP

Waiting to Exhale: Half the Population, Half the Evidence in Women's Lung Health

North Building, Room 128

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4:30 PM – 5:30 PM



MARK J. ROSEN, MD, MASTER FCCP MEMORIAL LECTURE

Doreen J. Addrizzo-Harris, MD, FCCP

2026 Bronchiectasis and NTM Lung Disease Management: Improving Care Delivery

North Building, Room 128

The lecture is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM



RICHARD S. IRWIN, MD, MASTER FCCP HONOR LECTURE

Susan J. Corbridge, PhD, ACNP, CCAPP, FCCP

The Impact of Presence: Building Trust, Credibility, and Influence Across the Health Care Ecosystem

North Building, Room 124A

The lecture is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

2026 Award Winners

Each year, CHEST recognizes members who are making an impact—through their dedication to the organization, their contributions to medical research and clinical practice, their commitment to educating the next generation, and so much more. Join us in recognizing the 2026 award recipients during the Opening Session at 8:00 AM on Sunday, October 18.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
David Zielinski, MD, FCCP



COLLEGE MEDALIST AWARD
Christopher L. Carroll, MD, FCCP



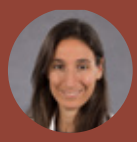
EARLY CAREER CLINICIAN EDUCATOR AWARD
Megan Conroy, MD, MAEd, FCCP



EARLY CAREER CLINICIAN EDUCATOR AWARD
Laura K. Frye, MD, FCCP



MASTER CLINICIAN EDUCATOR AWARD
Margaret A. Pisani, MD, MPH, FCCP



ALFRED SOFFER AWARD FOR EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE
Hayley B. Gershengorn, MD, FCCP



ALFRED SOFFER AWARD FOR EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE
Matthew C. Miles, MD, MEd, FCCP



PRESIDENTIAL CITATION
John E. Studdard, MD, Master FCCP

Network Rising Star Awards

The Network Rising Star Award, established in 2024, was created to recognize the contributions of an early career clinician practicing in their respective area under CHEST's Network structure. The award recognizes individual contributions in the areas of clinical care, education, research, and/or other scholarly activity, and someone who has shown growth and potential within the Network and CHEST. These individuals will be recognized during their respective Network Open Forum.



AIRWAYS DISORDERS NETWORK
Maria Azhar, MD, FCCP
Open Forum: Monday, October 19 | 11:00 AM
West Building, Room 106



CHEST INFECTIONS AND DISASTER RESPONSE NETWORK
Kelly Pennington, MD
Open Forum: Tuesday, October 20 | 11:15 AM
West Building, Room 102



CRITICAL CARE NETWORK
Rodolfo Alpizar-Rivas, MD, FCCP
Open Forum: Monday, October 19 | 11:00 AM
West Building, Room 105



DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASE AND LUNG TRANSPLANT NETWORK
Anthony J. Esposito, MD, FCCP
Open Forum: Tuesday, October 20 | 11:15 AM
West Building, Room 104



PULMONARY VASCULAR AND CARDIOVASCULAR NETWORK
Justin K. Lui, MD, MS, FCCP
Open Forum: Tuesday, October 20 | 11:15 AM
North Building, Room 122



SLEEP MEDICINE NETWORK
Nathan C. Nowalk, MD
Open Forum: Monday, October 19 | 11:00 AM
West Building, Room 104



THORACIC ONCOLOGY AND CHEST PROCEDURES NETWORK
Jacob Schwartz, MD
Open Forum: Tuesday, October 20 | 11:15 AM
West Building, Room 105

Clinical Research and Community Impact Grants

In 2026, CHEST awarded $465,000 in clinical research and community impact grants to 11 individuals. Grant recipients are recognized for their scientifically meritorious achievements—with rigorous metrics to track their project's progress—and have innovative, novel approaches to addressing their research topic.

CHEST grants have made a difference in patients' lives by leading to breakthroughs in the treatment and/or management of chest diseases and patient care. Thank you to the many CHEST members who have supported the important work of our grantees by making a donation to support CHEST's philanthropy efforts. Congratulations to the 2026 grant award winners!

RESEARCH GRANTEES

CHEST Young Investigator Grant (Three-Year Grant)

Anna Barker, MD, PhD
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ineffective Triggering in the Elderly: Investigating Its Prevalence, Complications, and Treatments Using Ventilator Waveform Data

This grant is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

John R. Addrizzo, MD, FCCP, Endowed Research Grant in Sarcoidosis

Nathaniel Nelson, MD
NYU Langone Health, New York, NY

Transcriptomic Signatures of Bronchoalveolar Lavage Fluid Associated With Airway Dysbiosis and a Progressive Sarcoidosis Phenotype

This grant is supported by the Addrizzo family and the John R. Addrizzo, MD, FCCP, Fund for Research in Sarcoidosis.

CHEST Research Grant in COPD

Bryan Ross, MD, MSc
Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Improving COPD Management Through Digital Solutions: Development of a Remote Patient Monitoring Platform for the Early Detection of Exacerbations

This grant is supported by AstraZeneca LP.

CHEST Research Grant in Sleep Medicine

Miranda Tan, DO, FCCP
Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY

Early Detection of Respiratory Decompensation in ALS Using AI: A Feasibility Study Using Home Telemonitoring Data

This grant is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

CHEST Research Grant in Nontuberculous Mycobacteria Diseases/Bronchiectasis

Melinda Ashcroft, PhD
The University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Australia

Improving Treatment Decision-Making in Recurrent Mycobacterium Avium Complex Pulmonary Disease Using Genomic Classification

This grant is supported by CHEST and made possible through the leadership and generosity of Dr. Doreen Addrizzo-Harris, along with contributions from attendees of her 2026 Belmont Stakes event.

CHEST Young Investigator Grant in Women's Lung Cancer

Raul Caso, MD
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA

Environmentally Driven Macrophage Dysfunction Impairs Immunotherapy Response in Female Never-Smokers With Lung Cancer

This grant is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

CHEST COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS

CHEST Community Impact Grant Honoring D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP

Annabelle Cubero-Montinola, BSN, RN, CDP
University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, La Plata, MD

Pediatric Asthma Emergency Department Intervention Project

This grant is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

CHEST Community Impact Grant Honoring D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP

Felicia Fuller, DrPH
Chicago Asthma Consortium, Chicago, IL

Chicago Asthma Consortium Ambassadors: Providing Public Health Asthma Management and Education for the Community

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CHEST Community Impact Grant Honoring D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP

Van Holden, MD, FCCP
University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

Developing a Sustainable Bronchoscopy Program in Ethiopia: A Model for Capacity Building in Low-Resource Settings

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CHEST Community Impact Grant Honoring D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP

Angeline Lazarus, MBBS, FCCP
Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic, Rockville, MD

Improving Vaccine Access for High-Risk Patients

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CHEST Community Impact Grant Honoring D. Robert McCaffree, MD, Master FCCP

Jonathan Popler, MD, FCCP
Children's Physicians Group, Atlanta, GA

Camp Trach Me Away Summer Camp

This grant is supported by CHEST and generous gifts from our members.

Rethinking COPD: Dupilumab Data Beyond Exacerbations, Towards Timely Interventions



Monday, October 19, 2026 | 10:15-11:00 a.m. MST

Phoenix, Arizona | Phoenix Convention Center | Room: Learning Theater 2



Nicola Hanania, MD, MS, FACP, FRCP, FERS, FCCP

United States



Diego Maselli, MD, FCCP

United States

Learning Objectives

- Evaluate the clinical burden of COPD with type 2 inflammation and examine clinical impact on overall patient burden
- Assess the recent pooled Phase 3 clinical data for dupilumab across key outcomes, including exacerbations leading to hospital visits, lung function, symptoms, and quality of life

Join Sanofi & Regeneron with renowned pulmonologists for a COPD Learning Theater

COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

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Find the sessions that fit your needs with CURRICULUM TRACKS

With more than 300 educational sessions across four days, the CHEST Annual Meeting schedule can appear daunting at first glance. To make the meeting easier to navigate, the CHEST 2026 online program can be sorted by curriculum track to help attendees quickly find sessions that match their interests. Simply navigate to the schedule, click on the "Filter" button, and apply a relevant "Tag."

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS IN FIVE CURRICULUM TRACKS

ADVANCED TRACK

"We deliberately tried to focus away from superficial, short subtopics, and ideally give presenters more time to dive into the content. Having some sessions with fewer speakers allows them to go deeper into the content—the pathophysiology and the nuance of the research that's being published to inform the evolution of our practice. We have aimed to ensure that the speakers in these sessions are the well-established clinical and/or research experts in these areas—the individuals writing the articles, developing the guidelines, building the clinical and research horizons."



Amy Morris, MD, FCCP
CHEST 2026 Scientific Program Committee Chair

TRACK HIGHLIGHTS

The Lure of Immunosuppression and Dual Antifibrotics in ILD: A Pro-Con Debate
Monday, October 19 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
West Building, Room 102A

Asthma for the Experts: Evaluating and Managing Patients Who Don't Respond to Biologics
Tuesday, October 20 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
North Building, Room 125B

Rewriting OSA Care: How GLP-1 Therapies Are Reshaping Sleep Medicine
Wednesday, October 21 | 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
North Building, Room 127B

APP RECOMMENDATIONS TRACK

"Advanced practice providers (APPs) are no longer just a clinical support role but are core clinicians in the ICU. CHEST has moved from simply including APPs in sessions to intentionally developing and recognizing APPs as a specialty. This brings APPs together in the same sessions and gives us a chance to connect with peers and share our knowledge."



Leeah R. Sloan, PA-C, CCAPP, FCCP
Critical Care APP Steering Committee Co-Chair

TRACK HIGHLIGHTS

Operationalizing POCUS in Practice: A Multidisciplinary Approach Focused on APP Integration
Sunday, October 18 | 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM
North Building, Room 222B

Deresuscitation in Patients Who Are Critically Ill
Sunday, October 18 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
West Building, Room 101A

Critical Care Year in Review I and II
Monday, October 19
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM (Review I)
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM (Review II)
West Building, Room 301A

EDUCATION AND EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT TRACK

"There are sessions on diverse education topics, presented by diverse faculty, from different institutions and walks of life. You don't always get formal training on how to teach, how to give feedback, and how to receive feedback. In each session, you're going to get different perspectives—because there's more than one way to accomplish a goal—and you'll even practice some of the techniques during interactive, small group, and large group parts."



Saadia A. Faiz, MD, FCCP
Educator Development Subcommittee Chair

TRACK HIGHLIGHTS

Empowering Educators: Real-Time Coaching for Procedural Competency
Sunday, October 18 | 9:45 AM – 11:15 AM
North Building, Room 227C

Yes, And: Harnessing Improv to Transform Medical Education
Monday, October 19 | 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
West Building, Room 101A

Publishing Teaching Initiatives: A Practical 5-Step Approach to Education Scholarship
Wednesday, October 21 | 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
North Building, Room 128B

TRAINEE RECOMMENDATIONS TRACK

"The Training and Transitions Committee reviewed the broader meeting program and selected sessions that we believe will be particularly relevant and high-yield for fellows and other trainees. The curated list can help early career physicians identify sessions that fit their interests and level of training, especially those who may be navigating a large conference schedule for the first time."



Meredith Turetz, MD, FCCP
Training and Transitions Committee Chair

TRACK HIGHLIGHTS

Mechanical Ventilation Waveforms: A Case-Based Approach
Sunday, October 18 | 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM
North Building, Room 127B

Bronchoscopy Emergencies for the Pulmonary Intensivist
Sunday, October 18 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
West Building, Room 105C

Case-Based Discussion of Complex Pulmonary Function Patterns
Wednesday, October 21 | 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
North Building, Room 128B

HEALTH EQUITY TRACK

"Sessions in this track do a really good job highlighting the impact of health disparities on marginalized communities in whatever disease topic is being discussed. The content is extremely rigorous and clinically meaningful. These are not meant to be just hypothetical or theoretical discussions."



Debasree Banerjee, MD, MS, FCCP
Health Equity Task Force Vice-Chair

TRACK HIGHLIGHTS

Beyond the Monitors: Humanizing Dialogue – A Women in Chest Medicine, Health Equity, and LGBTQ+ at CHEST Collaboration
Sunday, October 18 | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
West Building, Room 103A

Uplift or Scale Up? Debating the Best Models for Global Critical Care – A National Medical Association Session
Sunday, October 18 | 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
North Building, Room 128B

Closing the Gap: Addressing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Asthma
Monday, October 19 | 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
North Building, Room 124A



CLASS OF 2026 CHEST FELLOWS

Pursuit of the Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians (FCCP) designation demonstrates excellence in chest medicine and symbolizes commitment as a leader at the forefront of clinical chest medicine. In 2026, CHEST awarded 251 FCCPs. Congratulations to those CHEST members who obtained the FCCP designation over the last year. They will be recognized at the CHEST 2026 Opening Session on Sunday, October 18, at 8:00 AM. Please join us in recognizing this year's new initiates.*

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Celebrating a Rewarding First Year of the CHEST Critical Care APP Certification

CCAPP PROGRAM RECOGNIZES 323 NEW CERTIFICANTS

In critical care, confidence is built one decision at a time. It is shaped by long shifts, complex cases, and the responsibility of caring for patients at their most vulnerable. For many advanced practice providers (APPs), professional certification represents far more than a credential; it is a reflection of commitment, growth, and pride in practice.

The launch of the CHEST Critical Care APP (CCAPP) Certification Exam in 2025 marked another meaningful step forward in the evolution of critical care practice. Strong participation, high pass rates, and thoughtful candidate feedback provided insight into why APPs pursue certification, how they experience the process, and how the program can continue to grow.

TAKE THE CCAPP EXAM

Apply now for the CCAPP fall exam period, from October 27 to November 13, 2026. The application deadline is October 23. For more information, visit **chestnet.org/APP-exam** or scan the QR code. You can also visit the APP booth at Experience CHEST in the Exhibit Hall.

The inaugural year of the CCAPP program tells a clear story: APPs are seeking meaningful validation, value lifelong learning, and want credentials that reflect the realities of modern critical care. In a field defined by complexity and constant change, one thing remains steady: APPs continue to raise expectations for themselves and their profession, and this certification serves as a benchmark toward excellence in critical care practice.

CCAPP SUCCESS STORY

Jessica Bohannon, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, CCAPP, shared her thoughts on why she applied for CHEST certification, what the certification means to her, and why others should consider taking the exam.



Jessica Bohannon, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, CCAPP

My decision to apply for the CCAPP certification was rooted in a desire to validate, elevate, and recognize my practice. Daily clinical experience in critical care medicine provides depth, but it can create knowledge gaps if not continually and comprehensively reviewed. Earning this certification is more than professional advancement; it reflects a personal commitment to growth and excellence.

This credential is not simply a certification to me; it is a symbol of highly valued achievement. It signifies that I have chosen to hold myself to a higher standard and to pursue mastery in a specialty that demands both expertise and adaptability. It also reinforces my identity as a clinician who values evidence-based practice and strives to deliver the highest-quality patient care.

In an evolving health care arena—where APPs are becoming increasingly integral to high-acuity care—certifications like this help define and elevate the role.

For APPs considering taking the CCAPP exam, my message is simple: It is worth it. There is a distinct sense of assurance that comes from knowing your knowledge has been tested against a national standard translating directly to patient care, communication, and clinical decision-making among teams.

Beyond the personal benefits, pursuing certification contributes to the advancement of the APP profession. It sets a precedent for excellence and helps establish a culture in which continuous learning and professional development are expected and valued. It also recognizes the hard work and dedication APPs put into their career and patient care. ■

APP EVENTS AT CHEST 2026

APP Forum Lunch

Sunday, October 18

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

West Building, Ballroom 301A

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APP Reception

Monday, October 19

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Renaissance Phoenix Downtown, Grand Ballroom North

Congratulations, CCAPPs! Scan this QR code to view the full list of certificants.

Attention CCAPPs: Pick up your "CCAPP Certified" ribbon at Registration



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Teamwork *and* Trust



CHEST President Neil Freedman, MD, FCCP's leadership philosophy has served him well, both within CHEST and as part of a large health care system





When CHEST President Neil Freedman, MD, FCCP, walks the bustling hallways of a CHEST Annual Meeting, he can't help but think of the organization's tremendous influence on pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. He's also reminded of his personal journey within the chest medicine field.

He sees the familiar faces from his more than two decades of clinical and health administration work, which began when he answered a "help wanted" ad in the journal *CHEST*®. He embraces his mentors, who encouraged him to join CHEST, and greets his mentees, who inspire him to bolster the organization for the future. He may even stop to chat with a colleague about one of his many stints on CHEST committees. But his favorite interactions revolve around the enduring impact of CHEST's educational initiatives, like a 2011 Sleep Medicine Board Review course that drew more than 900 attendees.

"I get the greatest joy when I walk down the halls of a meeting and people will stop me and be like, 'Hey, thank you so much for putting on that course. I really learned a lot. It helped me pass the boards, and it's helping me in my practice,'" Dr. Freedman said.

"From an organizational standpoint, when you think about our mission and our values, they're really focused on how we can make care better for patients by supporting our frontline clinicians and giving them the education and resources that they need," he added.

> **"A lot of the things that I've learned with CHEST over time have helped make me a better leader."**
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> **CHEST President Neil Freedman, MD, FCCP**

Dr. Freedman first became involved with CHEST and its mission through one of these educational events. In the late '90s, shortly after he left an academic position near his home in the New Jersey/Pennsylvania area to enter private practice in Chicago, Nancy Collop, MD, Master FCCP, emailed him out of the blue to gauge his interest in presenting at a CHEST sleep medicine course.

"I don't know that it was serendipity, but the timing was right. As luck would have it, one of the faculty for Dr. Collop's course pulled out at the last minute," Dr. Freedman recalled. "When I came to private practice, I happened to give my CV to a local [durable medical equipment] provider who was working part-time at CHEST. It got into the right hands, the opportunity came, and people liked what I was able to do."

Dr. Freedman attended his first CHEST Annual Meeting in the early 2000s, joined CHEST Networks shortly afterward, and steadily took on leadership roles throughout the organization. Since 2006, he has served as Chair of the Sleep Medicine Network, CHEST Sleep Medicine Board Review course, CHEST Annual Meeting 2016, Health Policy and Advocacy Committee, Oxygen Access and Education Work Group, and Finance Committee; Deputy Editor of CHEST SEEK® Sleep Medicine; and Regent-at-Large on the CHEST Board of Regents. He has also served on the Education Committee, the CHEST Foundation Board of Trustees, and the Joint Finance Oversight Committee. He has been honored with the Distinguished CHEST Educator designation every year since 2017.

"I've gotten more from CHEST personally and professionally than I've been able to give back, even though I've done a lot," Dr. Freedman said. "I've gone from being a private practice clinician to now—and I didn't have any plans to do this—I lead a medical group of 2,400 physicians and 700 APPs. And a lot of the things that I've learned with CHEST over time have helped make me a better leader."

The same principles—teamwork and trust—that have guided his leadership strategy within a large health care system have informed his time on the CHEST Board of Regents and his tenure as CHEST President. His philosophy is captured in a handwritten note on his wall: "Surround yourself with great people, train them well, provide them with resources, and get out of their way."

"Whether it's delivering lectures for the meeting, volunteering to be moderators for various sessions, reviewing all of the things that need to go into a board review course or SEEK or the different products that we have—everything that we do and every success that we have is because we have a great team," Dr. Freedman said. "And we're continuing to get better over time." ■



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The Road to Diagnosis: Cindy's Journey with Non-Cystic Fibrosis Bronchiectasis


Cindy was compensated for her time.

Cindy has always been active. As a physical education teacher, and later an elementary school principal, she built her career around helping others lead healthy, fulfilling lives. But behind that active lifestyle, she was on a decades long search for answers about her respiratory health.

Bronchiectasis is a chronic, inflammatory lung disease that can worsen over time. People living with the disease often experience symptoms such as a chronic cough, excess mucus, and recurrent lung infections which may overlap with other respiratory diseases like COPD or asthma. An estimated 500,000 adults in the U.S. are diagnosed with bronchiectasis, and it's believed that even more may be living with the disease. Though bronchiectasis is chronic and irreversible, there are treatments and disease management plans for people living with the disease.

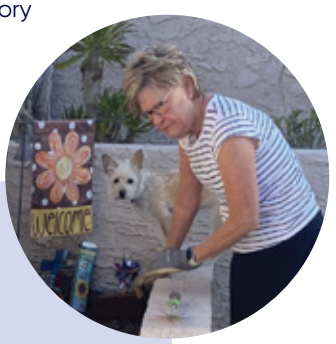
Prior to her diagnosis, Cindy experienced years of chronic cough accompanied by mucus and shortness of breath, but doctors couldn't settle on a definitive diagnosis. Despite seeing multiple specialists for repeated diagnostic testing and receiving treatment for several respiratory conditions, including potential COPD, her symptoms continued. In 2021, after being referred to a new pulmonologist, COPD was ruled out and a CT scan confirmed bronchiectasis. Cindy was given a nebulizer to use once a day, and up to twice a day as needed.

"Nothing much changed," Cindy recalls. "I was often too sick or too exhausted to carry on with activities. I kept my family in the dark about the severity of my illness and just tried to push through."

After a particularly severe coughing episode a few years after her diagnosis, Cindy decided to take a more active role in her care, seeking information and partnering with a new pulmonologist to explore additional treatment options.

It was time for a different approach.

In November 2025, Cindy started once-daily BRINSUPRI® (brensocatib), the first and only FDA-approved treatment indicated for non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis in people 12 years and older. The most common side effects with treatment include upper respiratory tract infection, headache, rash, dry skin, small areas of skin thickening, and high blood pressure.



"With BRINSUPRI and a correct diagnosis, I can laser focus on managing my bronchiectasis. Although my health journey of almost 40 years has been long, I'm now more than ten months into treatment, and BRINSUPRI has made a difference for me." *–Cindy, living with bronchiectasis*

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INDICATION

BRINSUPRI is indicated for the treatment of non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis (NCFB) in adult and pediatric patients 12 years of age and older.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Dermatologic Adverse Reactions

Treatment with BRINSUPRI is associated with an increase in dermatologic adverse reactions, including rash, dry skin, and hyperkeratosis. Monitor patients for development of new rashes or skin conditions and refer patients to a dermatologist for evaluation of new dermatologic findings.

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Gingival and Periodontal Adverse Reactions

Treatment with BRINSUPRI is associated with an increase in gingival and periodontal adverse reactions. Refer patients to dental care services for regular dental checkups while taking BRINSUPRI. Advise patients to perform routine dental hygiene.

Vaccinations

It is unknown whether administration of live attenuated vaccines during BRINSUPRI treatment will affect the safety or effectiveness of these vaccines. The use of live attenuated vaccines should be avoided in patients receiving BRINSUPRI.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥2%) in the ASPEN trial included upper respiratory tract infection, headache, rash, dry skin, hyperkeratosis, and hypertension. The safety profile for adult patients with NCFB in WILLOW was generally similar to ASPEN, except for a higher incidence of gingival and periodontal adverse reactions.

Less Common Adverse Reactions

Liver Function Test Elevations

In ASPEN, there was an increase from baseline in average ALT, AST, and alkaline phosphatase levels at all time points from Week 4 through Week 52 in both BRINSUPRI 10 mg and 25 mg arms compared to placebo. The incidence of ALT >3X upper limit of normal (ULN) was 0%, 1.2%, and 0.9%; the incidence of AST >3X ULN was 0.2%, 0.3%, and 0.5%; and the incidence of alkaline phosphatase >1.5X ULN was 2.5%, 4.1%, and 4.0% in patients treated with placebo and BRINSUPRI 10 mg and 25 mg, respectively.

Skin Cancers

In ASPEN, the incidence of skin cancers among patients treated with BRINSUPRI 10 mg and 25 mg was 0.5% and 1.9%, respectively, compared to 1.1% in placebo-treated patients.

Alopecia

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USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Pregnancy: There are no clinical data on the use of BRINSUPRI in pregnant women.

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Pediatric use: The safety and effectiveness of BRINSUPRI for the treatment of NCFB have been established in pediatric patients aged 12 years and older. Common adverse reactions in pediatric patients aged 12 years and older enrolled in ASPEN were consistent with those in adults. The safety and effectiveness of BRINSUPRI have not been established in pediatric patients younger than 12 years of age.

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Vital Signs of Victory

MEET THE TEAMS THAT WILL COMPETE FOR TOP HONORS IN THE 25TH YEAR OF THE CHEST CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP

Since 2002, CHEST Challenge has showcased the knowledge, teamwork, and perseverance of pulmonary and critical care fellows in a fun and fast-paced *Jeopardy!*-style game show. This year's competition will take place on Tuesday, October 20, in the West Building, Ballroom 301BC. Doors open at 5:00 PM for a reception; CHEST Challenge founder and Master of Ceremonies William F. Kelly, MD, FCCP (pictured below), will kick off the competition at 6:00 PM.

Teams from Houston Methodist Hospital, Reading Hospital – Tower Health, and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center earned their places on the stage after a rigorous nationwide qualification process involving 89 institutions. Before the show, get to know the people behind the teams.



CHEST CHALLENGE FINALIST

Houston Methodist Hospital

Program Director: Deepa Gotur, MD, FCCP



Khaled M. Abdullah, MD



Luis Sanchez-Ato, MD



James Yang, MD

If you won a lifetime supply of something, what would you hope it is?

Dr. Abdullah: Really, *really* good coffee. ICU night shifts are not going to run themselves.

Dr. Sanchez-Ato: A lifetime supply of cafecito, free parking, and spontaneous cancellations of unnecessary meetings—in that order.

Dr. Yang: Twix.

If you could have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Dr. Abdullah: Slow-cooked, fall-off-the-bone lamb over rice. Comforting, shareable, and never gets old.

Dr. Sanchez-Ato: Arroz chaufa—it reminds me of home, it is endlessly adaptable, and it somehow works for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or post-call recovery.

Dr. Yang: Steak, medium rare.

What interesting medical fact do you bring up far more often than anyone asks you to?

Dr. Abdullah: I will find a way to work in "dry lungs are happy lungs" almost anywhere.

Dr. Sanchez-Ato: That normal saline is not emotionally or chemically neutral. I have probably mentioned the pH of crystalloid solutions more times than anyone has asked, and I regret nothing.

Dr. Yang: Too much oxygen is bad for you. Always wean oxygen!

CHEST CHALLENGE FINALIST

Reading Hospital – Tower Health

Program Director: Roopika Reddy, MD



Aboud Tony Fahel, MD



Ravi Patel, DO



Mohammad Baseem Shaikh, MD

What fictional character are you most like?

Dr. Fahel: Samwise Gamgee. "Come on, Mr. Frodo. I can't carry it for you, but I can carry you."

Dr. Patel: Sherlock Holmes because I find forensic science interesting and enjoy solving mysteries.

Dr. Shaikh: Thanos from the Marvel Universe, especially when I am stuck on I-76 going into Philadelphia.

If you won a lifetime supply of something, what would you hope it is?

Dr. Fahel: Levantine food.

Dr. Patel: I would hope for a lifetime supply of chocolate-covered pretzels, which are my favorite snack.

Dr. Shaikh: Unlimited time to rock climb, bike, run, train, sit at a beach, spend with family, and see all the UNESCO World Heritage sites.

If you could instantly master one skill, what would it be?

Dr. Fahel: Knowing all the answers to every *Jeopardy!* question ever created would be a useful skill.

Dr. Patel: I wish I could instantly master learning different languages.

Dr. Shaikh: By learning empathic accuracy and observation, hyper-focusing on body language, micro-expressions, and conversational cues to deduce someone's thoughts, emotions, and hidden motives without saying a word. Basically, telepathy.

CHEST CHALLENGE FINALIST

University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center

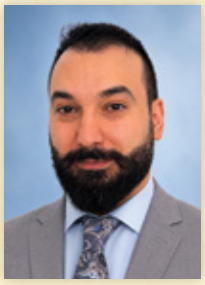
Program Director: Tony Abdo, MD, FCCP



Najiya Haque, MD



Shawn Patel, MD



Hussein Rabah, MD

What life advice would you give your younger self?

Dr. Haque: Be happy, be free, be yourself, because the world doesn't evolve through conformity.

Dr. Patel: Don't be afraid to ask questions or make mistakes. Growth comes from being curious, not perfect.

Dr. Rabah: Not to worry too much about things. Most often, problems get solved in unexpected ways.

What's your hidden talent or after-hours hobby?

Dr. Haque: Interior design, with a slight obsession with lighting. I love creating warm spaces so home feels like a spa.

Dr. Patel: I enjoy cooking new recipes and experimenting with different cuisines on weekends.

Dr. Rabah: Learning oud (a Middle Eastern string instrument).

What's your go-to karaoke song?

Dr. Haque: "I Want It That Way" by the Backstreet Boys.

Dr. Patel: "Don't Stop Believin'" by Journey.

Dr. Rabah: I always avoid karaoke. I have a horrible singing voice.



Art Imitates Life

The annual CHEST After Hours storytelling event is a celebration of life outside the profession

There are untold volumes within each of us—stories of heartache and joy, triumph and failure, strength and vulnerability.

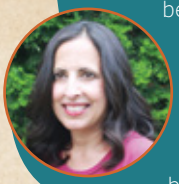
Chest medicine professionals are invited to share their personal stories each year at CHEST After Hours. During the one-hour event, storytellers and session attendees alike are invited to pause, listen, and connect through personal narratives—reminders that medicine is only one part of a clinician's identity.

The event began at CHEST 2022, the first in-person annual meeting following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal was to restore a sense of connection that had been lost through time and distance, and also to offer a change of pace for meeting attendees after a packed day of educational sessions.

"I love hearing the stories that people have to tell, and I love seeing the reaction of the people in the room, crying and laughing," said Teresa Rodriguez-Aviles, CHEST Senior Manager of Education Learning Events. "Last year, there was a guy who was breakdancing—it was pure joy coming out of the room. It's one of my favorite things that happens at the annual meeting, just to share in the experiences of everyone."

This year's event takes place at 6:00 PM on Monday, October 19, at the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown, Pueblo Room. The doors open at 5:30 PM. Advance RSVP is recommended (scan QR to the right), but walk-ins will be admitted starting at 6:00 PM if space allows. ■

Participants from previous After Hours events reflect on their storytelling experiences:



"After Hours allows us to return to the humanity beneath all of our other roles. There's something quietly transformative about sitting in a room where people are willing to be vulnerable without asking for certainty or solutions. We're reminded that our capacity to care isn't sustained by knowing everything. It's sustained by our willingness to witness each other with honesty and compassion."

Rana L. Awdish, MD, MS, FCCP
After Hours storyteller, CHEST 2022



"After Hours gave me a profound feeling of being seen and of seeing myself as well. Working with a coach helped me see some of the deeper threads in my own story. Bringing them out changed the story in dramatic ways and, I think, made it much more meaningful and relevant for my colleagues at CHEST. Hearing stories from the other storytellers had a similar effect."

Lakshman Swamy, MD, FCCP
After Hours storyteller, CHEST 2024



"The entire story was about the year that I took on an adventure. After Hours was like an extension of that adventure. I lived the experience—I sailed across an ocean. But with After Hours, I was able to be a type of observer, bringing the experience back to life from a different angle."

Erika MacIntyre, MD
After Hours storyteller, CHEST 2025



"The feeling that stands out to me the most was being so vulnerable and letting my guard down by telling my personal story, which is one not too many people have heard—not even my close colleagues or friends, despite my 11-year career."

Joey Gee, PA-C
After Hours storyteller, CHEST 2025

THIS YEAR'S STORYTELLERS



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Andrew C. Nutting, DO



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Mind, Body, Spirit

Local, Indigenous health care professionals will discuss culturally responsive approaches to health and healing during a CHEST 2026 panel

Western medicine will meet the native healing traditions of the American Southwest during a unique panel discussion at CHEST 2026. Representatives from some of the 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona will share their personal and professional experiences during the panel discussion *Ways of Knowing, Ways of Healing: Indigenous Perspectives in Medicine* at 9:45 AM on Sunday, October 18, in the West Building, Room 103A.



John Molina, MD, JD, DHL, and Evener Scott (left to right)

"Hopefully our audience will understand that our Indigenous people look at health and illness in a different way than just the absence of disease or illness," said John Molina, MD, JD, DHL, one of four local health care professionals on the panel. "It's not only the pill or the scalpel that will take care of an illness. Indigenous people believe in a holistic sense of being—mind, body, spirit."

A member of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Dr. Molina is a retired physician and hospital administrator. He now leads a team that provides training, education, advocacy, and workforce development for Indigenous communities throughout the state as the Director of the Arizona Advisory Council on Indian Health Care.

"All we're doing in this panel is sharing the perspectives of Native people and how they view health and disease to help the non-Indigenous person better understand where this patient is coming from," said Dr. Molina, who noted that there's no single pan-Indigenous perspective on traditions or spiritual practices. Indigenous people come from diverse tribal nations, each with its own distinct history, culture, beliefs, and ceremonial traditions, he said.

"Among Indian people, there's a diversity," Dr. Molina explained. "There's a group that still believes in Indigenous ways of healing through plant-medicine ceremonies, and then there's a group that only relies on Western medicine. Then there are those in between that use a little bit of both."

Panelist Evener Scott, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging for HonorHealth and a member of the Diné (Navajo) Nation, agreed that Indigenous approaches to health and wellness align with Western medicine in some areas but differ in others. Providing culturally responsive care involves recognizing where these perspectives complement one another and where they diverge, and then working collaboratively with patients to respectfully reconcile both approaches in support of their health and healing, he said.

Regardless of a patient's cultural background, generational trauma and present-day social determinants of health also need to be part of the clinical conversation to achieve true health equity, Scott added.

"I heard an Indigenous health leader say, 'The path to equity begins with the truth, and sometimes the truth is painful,'" he said. "Acknowledging these truths is not about assigning blame for the past. It is about developing the awareness, humility, and understanding needed to provide compassionate, culturally responsive care and strengthen trusting relationships with the patients and communities we serve."



Navaz Dolasa, MD

Another panelist, Navaz Dolasa, MD, Pediatrician and Medical Educator for Gila River Health Care, advocates for earlier health literacy education—generally lacking across schools in the United States—to facilitate health equity among Indigenous populations.

Dr. Dolasa's work with the Area Health Education Centers at the University of Arizona includes pediatric outreach that serves children from about 200 tribal affiliations, creating unique cultural competency needs among participating health professionals. One of the key lessons early career providers must learn is that medical care must be tailored to the people being served, she said.

"You can't just say, 'Oh, well, the textbook says this.' You have to connect with your community," Dr. Dolasa said.

Joseph Remitera, MHSA, CMPE, Department of Health and Human Services Director for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, will round out the panel. Annie Rusk, MD, who sits on the CHEST Health Equity Task Force and is a member of the Blackfeet Nation, will facilitate the conversation.

Hosting the CHEST Annual Meeting in Phoenix for the first time has given the organization a unique platform to amplify Indigenous approaches to health and wellness, said Elizabeth Stigler, PhD, CHEST Senior Director of Equity and Community Impact. As a border state, Arizona is also home to immigrants from Mexico and across the globe, so the panelists will share guidance for serving other culturally diverse communities as well.

"It's truly a dialogue here, so there are no bad questions and no wrong answers," Dr. Stigler said. "We'd love for folks to come prepared to listen but also to be part of the conversation. This isn't only for people who work with Indigenous communities. This is for everyone at any stage in their career to learn about identifying a culturally responsive approach to health and healing." ■

TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN ARIZONA

There are 575 federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages in the United States, 22 of which are in Arizona.

- Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- Fort Yuma-Quechan Indian Tribe
- Gila River Indian Community
- Havasupai Tribe
- Hopi Tribe
- Hualapai Tribe
- Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians
- Navajo Nation
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Pueblo of Zuni
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- Tonto Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe

Ways of Knowing, Ways of Healing: Indigenous Perspectives in Medicine
Sunday, October 18 | 9:45 AM
West Building, Room 103A

Helping Arizona Breathe Easier

CHEST Community Connections provides direct support for three local organizations each year in the annual meeting host city

As an organization, CHEST prioritizes investing in, supporting, and developing community. Every year since 2023, that value has been brought to life through the Community Connections initiative.

This year's partner organizations include the Arizona Asthma Coalition, the Arizona Coalition for Change, and Phoenix Children's Breathmobile. Each group received an unrestricted $10,000 grant as well as collaborative programming and event opportunities at the annual meeting.

The collective grant of $30,000 is double the amount given to community organizations at each of the last three annual meetings. The increase reflects a desire to build on the initiative's past successes, said Elizabeth Stigler, PhD, who coordinates the Community Connections program as CHEST Senior Director of Equity and Community Impact.

"Our goal has always been to make a lasting impact on the communities at the site of our annual meeting. The CHEST Philanthropy Board of Advisors recognized that the work these nonprofit organizations are doing is so impactful that [giving] $10,000 to each of them could really make a significant change and go a long way to supporting their service in those communities," Dr. Stigler said.

The Community Connections initiative creates a two-way information exchange that also strengthens CHEST's mission, she added.

"CHEST has a strong reputation for clinical education. As we think about how to produce more useful, more culturally responsive, and more informed educational products and resources, it's invaluable to have these types of community connections and input from these organizations," Dr. Stigler said. "Also, as CHEST formulates its advocacy and policy commitments, we can consult and be informed by the voices of these community partners who are doing the work in education, coalition-building, lobbying, and policy changes."

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS EVENTS AT CHEST 2026

Asthma Toolkit Workshop
Saturday, October 17

Before the annual meeting began, CHEST educators partnered with Phoenix Children's Hospital to conduct an asthma toolkit educational seminar for Phoenix-area school nurses and other advanced practice providers. The workshop featured hands-on training with masks, spacers, and other pulmonary function test devices.

Breathmobile Tours
Monday, October 19

The Phoenix Children's Hospital Breathmobile will be parked outside the convention center for tours. To meet the Breathmobile staff and take a tour, check the CHEST Events app for location details and times.

Community Connections Presentations
Monday, October 19

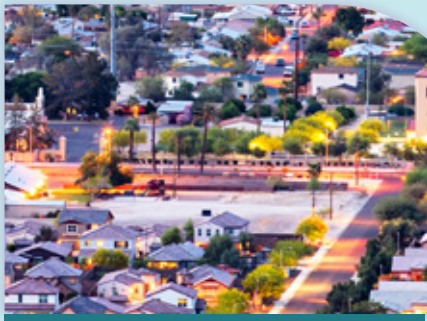
Representatives from all three community partner groups will give short presentations and answer questions at two designated times.

Experience CHEST (Exhibit Hall)
11:00 AM – 11:15 AM Phoenix Children's Breathmobile
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM Arizona Asthma Coalition
11:30 AM – 11:45 AM Arizona Coalition for Change

Grantee Showcase (Lower Level, Lobby)
12:30 PM – 12:45 PM Phoenix Children's Breathmobile
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM Arizona Asthma Coalition
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM Arizona Coalition for Change

Cultures and Communities Reception
Monday, October 19

The community partners have also been invited to Monday evening's Cultures and Communities Reception, open to all attendees, at 6:00 PM in Grand Ballroom South of the Renaissance Phoenix Downtown.



CHEST PHILANTHROPY

CHEST philanthropy provides funding for the Community Connections initiative. To read more about CHEST's philanthropic pillars and to support its mission, visit **chestnet.org/philanthropy**.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PARTNER

ARIZONA ASTHMA COALITION

SINCE 1996, THE ARIZONA Asthma Coalition (AAC) has worked with various civic groups to improve lung health in the state by expanding access to medication in schools through a variety of legislative, community, educational, and clinical initiatives. AAC intentionally embraces broad-ranged missions to reflect the numerous contributing factors and burdens of asthma, said Andrew Arthur, MD, PhD, Chair of AAC's Board of Directors.

The group's achievements, either singularly or in partnership with other civic groups, include establishing care guidelines, hosting an annual clinical conference, enacting legislation to ban smoking, drafting policy papers on air quality regulation and access to critical asthma medicine for uninsured Arizonans, and expanding a highly successful school-based stock inhaler program. First developed in 2017, the school stock inhaler program provides students with access to life-saving equipment and training to school nurses and officials.

"The supplies cost less than $200 per school, and if you add in all the time-costs for training and everything else, you're looking at less than $1,000 per school for a program that could potentially benefit 200, 500, or even 1,000 students," Dr. Arthur said.

Making emergency asthma supplies available in schools reduces public and family expenses for ambulance services, emergency room care, and hospital stays, he added. At the same time, keeping students in school reduces rates of absenteeism, promotes academic success, improves graduation rates, and helps schools generate attendance reimbursements.

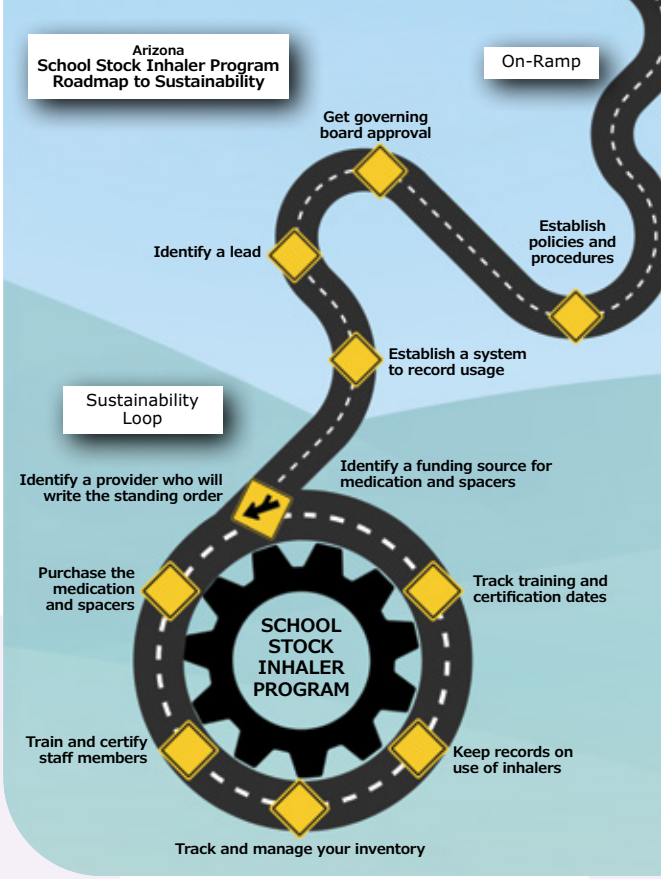


Andrew Arthur, MD, PhD

"I understand that science itself doesn't sell an idea for public policy, but I have yet to meet a person who doesn't agree that a child deserves to learn," Dr. Arthur said. "The return on investment for this program is tremendous.

The success of the stock inhaler program has helped create awareness, alliances, and strategies that are transferable to other lung health campaigns.

"You end up having this group of people whose emotions and careers are invested in doing what is best for children, students, the community, and public health," Dr. Arthur said. "Groups begin to overlap, and we have seen that coalition members help seed other coalitions whose primary effort is to improve air quality."



Quick Facts

What it does: AAC works through a wide coalition of concerned stakeholders to advocate for legislation, policies, education, and research to reduce the burden of asthma and improve air quality and public health.

Founded: 1996

Notable legislative achievement: Successfully advocated for legislation that increased the state tobacco tax to fund the First Things First early childhood health and education program

Notable community achievement: Through a grant from the Arizona Community Foundation, AAC developed the Roadmap to Sustainability Toolkit (see graphic above) to help schools and school districts identify funding sources, build partnerships, and develop sustainable plans to launch and maintain school stock inhaler programs.

Notable scientific achievement: Since 2006, AAC has organized the Wheezing & Sneezing in the Desert Conference, a clinical allergy and asthma conference highlighting cutting-edge research and innovations within the context of statewide environmental, social, and political conditions.

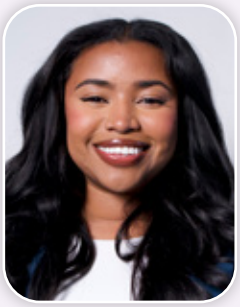
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PARTNER

ARIZONA COALITION FOR CHANGE

SINCE 2016, ARIZONA Coalition for Change (AZC4C) has connected with residents to strengthen civic participation, build community power, and elevate the voices of everyday Arizonans. To achieve these goals, the group prioritizes listening to community members, said AZC4C Executive Director Sena Mohammed.



"We start with people," she said. "We spend a lot of time listening to what communities are experiencing. We try to really understand not just what is happening but also why it's happening."



Sena Mohammed

AZC4C's initiatives on air quality, extreme heat, and other environmental issues grew, in part, through community listening sessions and door-knocking campaigns. During these conversations, community members expressed concerns about whether children were developing asthma, whether elders could survive a summer, and whether neighborhoods had equitable resources, such as green spaces, shade trees, pharmacies, and grocery stores, Mohammed said.

In response, AZC4C developed its Clean Energy and Clear Lungs initiative to promote clean energy legislation and share information about existing community resources, such as programs available through the Inflation Reduction Act. The group's approach to environmental justice follows the same empowerment principles that shape its other programs.

"Meaningful community engagement is the foundation of lasting community solutions," Mohammed said. "By ensuring residents are informed, heard, and empowered, we help build the collective power needed to create meaningful, long-term change."

The CHEST Community Connections partnership provides valuable funding to AZC4C while allowing its representatives to learn more about the data and science behind asthma, respiratory illnesses, air quality, and public health at the annual meeting, Mohammed said. In turn, AZC4C is providing insight into the power of education, community engagement, and people-centered organizing.

"The people most affected by these challenges often have a deep understanding of what's happening in their communities," Mohammed said. "We have a much better chance of identifying and addressing the root cause of problems when we pair lived experience with medical expertise, research data, and thoughtful policy."

Quick Facts

What it does: AZC4C is a Black-led organization that empowers community members to transform their communities through building civic power, developing leadership, and forging collaborative partnerships.

Founded: 2016

Who it serves: Black and racial-minority communities in Arizona

Number served: Varies by project and year. The organization's 2024 Civic Scholars Program provided 132 Black and Brown student leaders with intense training in civic engagement and community leadership. In the same year, a rural voters initiative included nearly 1,800 rural community members, while an AZC4C environmental justice survey received responses from 204 community members. In 2020, AZC4C registered more than 10,000 voters. AZC4C partnered with Mi Familia Vota on a legal case that extended the voter registration date and resulted in more than 46,000 additional registrations.

Coalition partners: AZC4C partners with more than 20 civic institutions, churches, and businesses

Notable achievement: Committed to using listening sessions to guide policy goals, the organization hosted more than 35,000 people at listening sessions in 2024

Future goal: To transform the landscape of democracy and public health in Arizona



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS PARTNER

PHOENIX CHILDREN'S BREATHMOBILE

SINCE 2003, THE PHOENIX Children's Breathmobile has traveled to local schools to provide specialized lung health care to students who might otherwise do without. Through close partnerships with school nurses and community groups, the self-contained clinic on wheels currently reaches 27 Phoenix-area schools for school-day appointments of comprehensive asthma treatment, serving an average of 150 to 200 students annually.



Sophia N. Williams, MD, MPH

The Breathmobile team prioritizes students at Title I-eligible schools, a federal designation for educational institutions that serve low-income populations.

"Lack of transportation, language barriers, or other factors of lower socioeconomic status mean that the parents of these students can't take off work, or [they] face other difficulties that prevent them from accessing care for their children," said Sophia N. Williams, MD, MPH, the Breathmobile's Medical Director. "We're serving young patients who might otherwise never reach a hospital or clinical setting."

The Breathmobile's impact is measured in several ways, including patient visits, oral steroids prescribed, and asthma control test scores. One of its greatest successes is a sustained downward trend in the percentage of emergency room visits and hospitalizations among patients who had appointments at the Breathmobile clinic.

The Breathmobile also contributes to asthma research, with Matthew A. Rank, MD, serving as the clinic's Research Director. The clinic is part of a study funded by a National Institutes of Health grant in partnership with the lab of Emily Cope, PhD, at Northern Arizona University, that is examining how fiber intake affects changes in the gut microbiome and how those changes affect asthma health.

"Our study's participating families may not have had the chance to partake in these types of projects before, even though they might represent a large portion of the population affected by this issue," said Dr. Williams, who also serves as Director of the Pediatric Pulmonology Fellowship Program and Associate Director of the Pediatric Cystic Fibrosis Center at Phoenix Children's Hospital. Her work with the Breathmobile has reinforced the importance of community-focused health care and affirmed her motivation for making a career in medicine, she added.

"The Breathmobile has shown that you can bring care into a community and meet families and patients where they are," she said. "It takes time to build these relationships, but doing so can improve access, engagement, and health care outcomes. The Breathmobile has an important impact on what families know and how children feel—and that's a huge step in medicine."



Quick Facts

What it does: The Phoenix Children's Breathmobile is a self-contained mobile asthma clinic that travels to Phoenix-area schools and community sites to provide children who have limited or no access to clinics with testing, care, support, and resources to safely and effectively manage their asthma.

Founded: 2003

Who it serves: Students and their families from 27 schools and 14 school districts in the greater Phoenix region

Number served: Through weekly clinics, the Breathmobile serves approximately 150 to 200 patients annually across 350 to 400 patient visits.

Notable achievement: From June 2025 to June 2026, only 1.3% of the children who had appointments at the Breathmobile later presented at an emergency department with an asthma-related crisis and less than 0.5% were admitted to the hospital for an asthma-related condition. These statistics show a downward trend, suggesting that Breathmobile appointments are reducing the risks of asthma-related crises leading to emergency room treatment and hospitalization.

Phoenix Hot Spots

Now that you're here, make sure you have a chance to explore Phoenix beyond the convention center. The meeting's location perfectly positions attendees to sample the city's rich art, food, and cultural scenes.

CHEST 2026 attendees certainly won't lack for things to do, said Michael A. Chirichillo of Visit Phoenix. "We have several intriguing restaurants and attractions that are near the Phoenix Convention Center, making it easy for attendees to get a taste of the destination without having to venture far from the conference," he said.

Attendees will also have easy access to everything from archaeological sites to butte formations to one of the largest musical instrument collections in the world. Here's what to put on your Phoenix checklist.

WHEN IN PHOENIX...

Did you know? The city of Phoenix officially declared October 18, 2026, as "Love Your Lungs Day" in appreciation of health care workers and to raise awareness for lung health. This proclamation aligns with Healthy Lung Month and underscores CHEST's mission of advancing patient care through education, advocacy, and innovation in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. Help us celebrate Love Your Lungs Day at Opening Session on Sunday, October 18, at 8:00 AM.



Bacanora

RESTAURANTS

Bacanora

1301 NW Grand Ave, Unit 1 *(1.7 miles from PCC)*

If you love foodie shows, you might know Bacanora. It was featured on Netflix's *Taco Chronicles*—and for good reason. This downtown hot spot is known for its Sonoran-style Mexican cuisine, which draws from Spanish and Native American traditions. It isn't just Netflix that came calling either; Chef Rene Andrade won the 2024 James Beard Award for Best Chef Southwest. It's worth a stop, and the 40-ounce bone-in ribeye served with quesadillas, frijoles con queso, and roasted chiles is worth a try.

Chilte

765 Grand Ave *(1.4 miles from PCC)*

This downtown spot that started in a 10x10 pop-up tent has grown into a must-visit offering from NFL player-turned-chef Lawrence "LT" Smith. He was named one of 2024's best chefs by *Food & Wine* and was a semifinalist for the James Beard Emerging Chef Award. The restaurant is also a visual experience. The Mexican-inspired locale left the pop-up tent behind and is now located in the Egypt Motor Hotel, a renovated classic that roots itself in Phoenix's vacation hot spot history—now complemented by a restaurant offering baja fish tacos, jerk chicken, and smash burgers to match its updated, modern feel.

Fry Bread House

4545 N 7th Ave *(4.5 miles from PCC)*

This Phoenix staple has been serving Tohono O'odham foods since 1992 using Chef Cecelia Miller's mother's traditional fry bread recipe. It might be a casual spot, but it was also recognized as an American Classic by the James Beard Foundation. Here, you can try corn tacos or vegetable beef stew, or the signature dish: fry bread topped with beans and red chile sauce made from ground chile pods.

ACTIVITIES

Desert Botanical Garden

1201 N Galvin Pkwy *(8.1 miles from PCC)*

Deserts might seem sparse, but they have biodiversity all their own, some of which is on display at this botanical garden. It's home to more than 50,000 desert plants from around the world, which you can see through five thematic trails that also showcase important topics related to the plant world, like conservation, desert living, wildflowers, and plants and people of the Sonoran Desert.


Desert Botanical Garden



Roosevelt Row

Roosevelt St & 1st St *(0.6 miles from PCC)*

Dining and museums are important, of course, but if you just want to take a shopping break, check out this walkable arts district, home to galleries, restaurants, bars, and boutiques, all highlighted by colorful street art. Chirichillo recommends Arizona Wilderness Brewing Co., Sake Haus, and Rough Rider bar as popular stops along the way.

Papago Park

625 N Galvin Pkwy *(8.6 miles from PCC)*

You don't need to be a wellness influencer to enjoy getting outside and checking out the natural desert landscape at this park. It has options for whatever your recreational speed, including the iconic Hole-in-the-Rock path, which delivers both sunrise and sunset views. It's an important historical site for the city too, as it was a reservation for Indigenous tribes, fish hatchery during the Great Depression, prisoner of war camp during World War II, and a Veterans Affairs hospital. In addition to trails, it's also home to the Phoenix Zoo and the Desert Botanical Garden featured on page 49. Phoenix can still be very hot and dry in late October, so take any heat advisory warning seriously, and take plenty of water and sun protection if you do choose to hike.

Heard Museum

2301 N Central Ave *(2.5 miles from PCC)*

Steep yourself in the art, culture, and histories of Indigenous peoples of the Americas at this museum, which is known for its collection of traditional and contemporary Native art. Make sure to check out the Wisdom of the Future exhibition, which runs through early December. It's an immersive experience that connects 25 Indigenous artists to their work and tells stories of perseverance, hope, and achievement.

Musical Instrument Museum

4725 E Mayo Blvd *(18.5 miles from PCC)*

This largest-of-its-kind museum might not be in downtown Phoenix, but it's "worth the drive," insists Chirichillo. Its collection includes 15,000 instruments from 200 countries—everything from African drums to the Chicago Stadium pipe organ, which was originally played at sporting events in 1929. Its elaborate red and gold console is on display for the first time in 30 years. Looking for some live music? The venue will be hosting Jeff Goldblum and the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra on October 17 and 18; Los Vega, an ensemble that plays *son jarocho*, a traditional music from Veracruz, Mexico, on October 19; the Sideguys, made up of former members of David Sanborn's jazz band, on October 20; and comedian Fred Armisen with his "Comedy for Musicians (But Everyone Is Welcome)" show on October 21.


Papago Park

S'edav Va'aki Museum

4619 E Washington St *(5.7 miles from PCC)*

This museum is also an archaeological site that was once home to the Hohokam culture of the southwestern part of south-central Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. It's not just any archaeological site either; it's the largest preserved archaeological site in Phoenix, which can be seen by a two-thirds mile accessible trail that takes visitors through the site to see prehistoric platform mound, ball court and replicated houses. You can also learn more about the ancestral O'odham people through the site's museum exhibits, which organizers suggest allotting 60 to 90 minutes to tour. ■

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Taking Root

In its second year, the Talent Garden CHEST Scholars program welcomes four high school students from historically excluded communities to the annual meeting

The CHEST Annual Meeting has proven to be a fertile ground for cultivating young minds curious about a career in medicine. For the second year, four high school students from Minnesota are attending the conference following a competitive selection process they qualified for during an immersive internship in Minneapolis.



Jim Peters

Gabriel Zhina Carpio, Milkahlyne "Milk" Muriithi, Nora Ross, and Tenzin Zesel—the 2026 Hennepin Healthcare Talent Garden CHEST Scholars—will arrive in Phoenix on all-expenses-paid scholarships to further explore their interests in health care.

Their journey began this summer at Hennepin County Medical Center, a Level 1 trauma center and teaching hospital, where they were part of a cohort of two dozen teenagers taking part in a paid internship designed for historically excluded youth with a serious interest in a career as a physician, dentist, nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant/associate.

"This program is focused on opportunities for young people who might see the highest levels of the medical profession as out of reach," said Jim Peters, Talent Garden program coordinator and Health Equity Program Development Manager for Hennepin Healthcare. "But they ought to be rubbing elbows with professionals who are supportive and encouraging and hearing their stories. It's important that they understand not only that they can get there but that we instill in these young people the confidence that they can do it because they have been shown it's in reach."

That means seeing people from similar backgrounds with successful medical careers.

"In medicine, there are stigmas, stereotypes, different beliefs, and people might be more afraid to use the medical system because of cultural beliefs," said Robert DeMarco, MD, FCCP. "We're trying to encourage people in any area to be involved in medicine so that there's more access and more people who look like them, speak the same language as them, and who have the same cultural experiences as them."

Two weeks into the Talent Garden experience at Hennepin Healthcare, the interns were given the opportunity to apply for the chance to attend the CHEST Annual Meeting by writing an essay.

Dr. DeMarco, Chair of the CHEST Board of Advisors, which is responsible for developing and overseeing CHEST's philanthropic giving strategy, was one of the essay reviewers for this year's applicants. He said that support for the program at CHEST has been strong since it was first proposed.

2026 SCHOLARS

Gabriel Zhina Carpio

Grade: High school senior

Career goal: To become a clinician who can bring a sense of comfort to other Spanish-speakers



Milkahlyne "Milk" Muriithi

Grade: High school senior

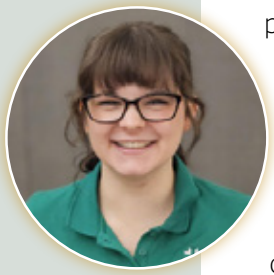
Career goal: To go into pediatrics or psychiatry



Nora Ross

Grade: High school senior finishing a concurrent high school and college credit course of study through the University of Minnesota; enrolled in a certified nursing assistant (CNA) course

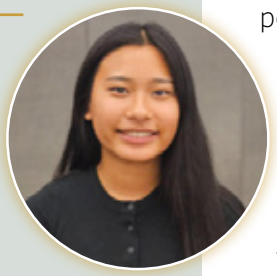
Career goal: To be a nurse or physician assistant/associate



Tensin Zesel

Grade: High school senior

Career goal: To be a nurse practitioner or physician



"When this idea was brought to the Board of Advisors, [we] were just blown away by being able to interest people in medicine at a younger age and get kids who wouldn't normally have the chance to be involved excited in a career in medicine, whether it's physicians, [emergency medical technicians], or another role," Dr. DeMarco said.

GROWING STRONG

The inaugural Talent Garden CHEST Scholars class blossomed onsite at CHEST 2025 in Chicago. One of the scholars, Amy Vasquez, a first-generation college student, has since been accepted into the BA/MD program at the University of Minnesota and is on track to become a doctor. It's an impressive feat that requires special drive, Dr. DeMarco noted.

"This is right out of high school. You're giving up four years of standard college to do college in three years," he said. "It's a huge endeavor."

Vasquez said that her CHEST Annual Meeting experience enriched her interest in medicine and played a pivotal role in her acceptance into the BA/MD program.

"Before the Talent Garden and CHEST, medicine was a path I was following on my own," she said. "Through the Talent Garden, I found a community, mentors, health care professionals, and peers who encouraged me to believe that I belonged in medicine. CHEST built on this foundation by giving me the chance to explore medicine beyond the hospital, allowing me to explore the future of medicine, learn from new professional perspectives through educational sessions, connect with mentors, and see the work being done in chest medicine."



Amy Vasquez

Last year's group of CHEST Scholars also includes a pre-med student entering the University of Minnesota and two pre-dental students.

SOWING SEEDS OF SUCCESS

Now in its fifth year, the Hennepin Healthcare Talent Garden Internship experience includes shadowing various health

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care professionals, basic life support skills training from emergency medical services professionals, and instruction on a wide range of health care topics. Participants must be a junior or senior in high school with plans to attend college, and they must attend a daylong youth summit each year. These summits, hosted by Hennepin Healthcare, are designed to encourage youth who have been disproportionately affected by social inequities to pursue health care careers.



Robert DeMarco, MD, FCCP

"As a hospital, we have a history with health equity and serving the underserved," Peters said.

"We have a firm belief as an institution that outcomes for people are better when they feel some sort of cultural, language, racial, or other connection with their provider and care teams."

This philosophy was the seed for the Talent Garden.

SUPPORT THE SCHOLARS
Hear from the Talent Garden CHEST Scholars on Monday, October 19, 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM, at the Grantee Showcase.

"We want to get kids of color into these jobs. By the time you're in med school… I don't want to say it's too late. But we decided we have to start talking to teens and showing them that these careers are within reach so that they set their course in that direction," Peters said.

CHEST is also dedicated to cultivating health care professionals who can connect in meaningful ways with the populations they serve.

"Everybody should be able to have access to the same great health care. It shouldn't matter what you look like or where you live," Dr. DeMarco said. "The whole point is to make CHEST a place where everybody feels welcome and where we can grow our membership so that all of our patients, regardless of what, where, who, why, or their beliefs, get great medical care."

SHARING THE BOUNTY

As part of their CHEST Annual Meeting experience, the Talent Garden students have been invited to the Donor Reception and will have ample opportunity to engage with meeting attendees throughout the convention center.

"They'll get to interact with a lot of people who can show them that CHEST is an exciting place and they will be encouraged to follow their medical pursuits—and it doesn't have to be pulmonary, critical care, or sleep medicine," Dr. DeMarco said. "We want people to be able to be represented, to make everybody feel comfortable with their medical care, and to make sure they get the same quality across the board."

The Talent Garden students will give a joint presentation at 10:45 AM on Monday, October 19, at the Grantee Showcase area near Registration. Dr. DeMarco encourages annual meeting attendees to think back to their early careers as they listen to the teen presenters.

"Come up and interact with them and share in the excitement of the careers they're choosing, and make them feel welcome," Dr. DeMarco said. "Spend that time being a role model and say, 'This is why I chose this path, this is why I did this.'"

Dr. DeMarco would like to see the CHEST Talent Garden expand in the future.

"There are plenty of places in the United States where this program could take root," he said. "Expansion isn't so much about wanting; it's having the dollars to do it." ■

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HOW MANY YELLOW FLAGS MAKE A RED ONE?

Subtle changes in symptoms can be warnings of MAC lung disease progression[1-3]

Gradual changes in symptoms, worsening radiographic findings, and shifts in microbiologic patterns can be signs of MAC lung disease progression.[1-5] When MAC lung disease progression is identified, timely treatment decisions can help limit further lung damage.[6-9]

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MAC=*Mycobacterium avium* complex.

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THE CHEST TRAVEL GRANTS PROGRAM REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

As CHEST builds toward its 100th anniversary in 2035, the CHEST Travel Grants program is keeping pace with the Countdown to 100 campaign. This year, 91 early career clinicians received $1,000 travel grants to attend CHEST 2026 in Phoenix.

Thanks to the generosity of CHEST members, the travel grants program has built incredible momentum in recent years. CHEST donors funded 35 travel grants in 2023, a total of 55 in 2024, and a total of 90 in 2025 to commemorate CHEST's 90th anniversary. Efforts are already underway to fund 92 travel grants for next year's meeting.



Kim D. French, MHSA, CAPPM, FCCP

"At CHEST, we believe that advancing patient care begins with investing in people," said Kim D. French, MHSA, CAPPM, FCCP, who serves on the CHEST Board of Advisors. "Expanding the number of CHEST Travel Grants reflects our commitment to removing barriers that prevent talented clinicians, researchers, educators, and trainees from participating in our global community."

In addition to the $1,000 travel stipend, grant recipients receive complimentary registration to the meeting and the opportunity to meet and consult with a mentor. The package is designed to ensure that recipients take full advantage of the CHEST Annual Meeting with networking introductions, access to sessions and events, and other opportunities to advance their careers and enhance patient care when they return home.

The travel grants benefit both the recipients and the entire field of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine, French said.

Donors Make It Possible

Thank you to the many CHEST members who have supported the important work of our grantees by making a gift to support CHEST's philanthropy efforts. Your gifts empower the next generation of chest medicine specialists.

As with all CHEST philanthropy gifts, every dollar donated to the Countdown to 100 campaign is passed along to grant recipients, so member generosity directly affects their lives and careers.

Scan the QR code or visit **chestnet.org/donate** to make a gift to CHEST philanthropy today and inspire the future of medicine.

"Attending the CHEST Annual Meeting provides access to cutting-edge science, hands-on education, mentorship, and lifelong professional connections. By increasing these opportunities, we are cultivating the next generation of leaders who will bring new knowledge, innovation, and best practices back to their patients, institutions, and communities around the world," she said.

A MENTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Kevin M. Chan, MD, FCCP, a member of the CHEST Board of Regents, has volunteered as a CHEST Travel Grant mentor at three annual meetings. Mentoring is "a rewarding privilege" that contributes directly to the growth of an early career professional and the future of CHEST, he said.



Kevin M. Chan, MD, FCCP

Dr. Chan also mentors early career professionals at the University of Michigan as Vice Chair in the Department of Internal Medicine and Professor of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. The difference with the travel grants program is that mentoring takes place within the context of the CHEST Annual Meeting, which allows recipients to network across institutions.

"Mentors can introduce mentees to professionals they've always wanted to meet, to researchers whose papers they have read and whose names they know as major influencers in the field," Dr. Chan said.

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CHEST 2026 Travel Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the 91 recipients of this year's travel grants

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"Mentors can also direct their mentees in specific subspecialties or areas that they've always been interested in but perhaps haven't had the opportunity to explore at their institution," he added.

Dr. Chan urged experienced CHEST members to volunteer as a travel grant mentor, noting that it's a relatively small investment that can make a substantial difference.

"It doesn't take much time, but it's important and appreciated by both sides," he said. "It also benefits CHEST because it can encourage individuals interested in pulmonology, critical care, and sleep medicine to participate in the organization—hopefully for the rest of their lives."

APPLYING FOR A GRANT

CHEST Travel Grants are awarded through a self-nominated process. Nominations are reviewed based on several criteria: background and lived experiences, references, importance of inclusion, contribution to the field of medicine, CHEST engagement, and future professional plans. All members of the multiprofessional care team are eligible to apply, including respiratory therapists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants/associates, fellows, residents, interns, and medical students.

"You do not need to have a long list of accomplishments or hold a leadership title to be a strong candidate," French said. "CHEST values curiosity, commitment, and a desire to learn. If attending the annual meeting will help you expand your knowledge, strengthen your skills, build meaningful relationships, or better serve your patients and community, then you are exactly the type of individual these grants are here for. Sometimes a single opportunity can shape an entire career." ■

Recipients Reflect

FORMER CHEST TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS SHARE HOW THE EXPERIENCE INFLUENCED THEIR CAREERS:



"As an international participant, the travel grant was indispensable in enabling my attendance at the conference. I returned as a renewed professional, with a new perspective and a deeper understanding of my role in advancing patient care and future research."

Elaine Araujo de Souza



"I [was] deeply thankful for the opportunity to attend CHEST 2025 in Chicago and present my work. The travel grant made this possible, providing both financial support and structured guidance that allowed me to engage fully with the meeting. It reinforced the value of professional society engagement and motivated me to share these opportunities with other trainees, contributing to the growth of our community."

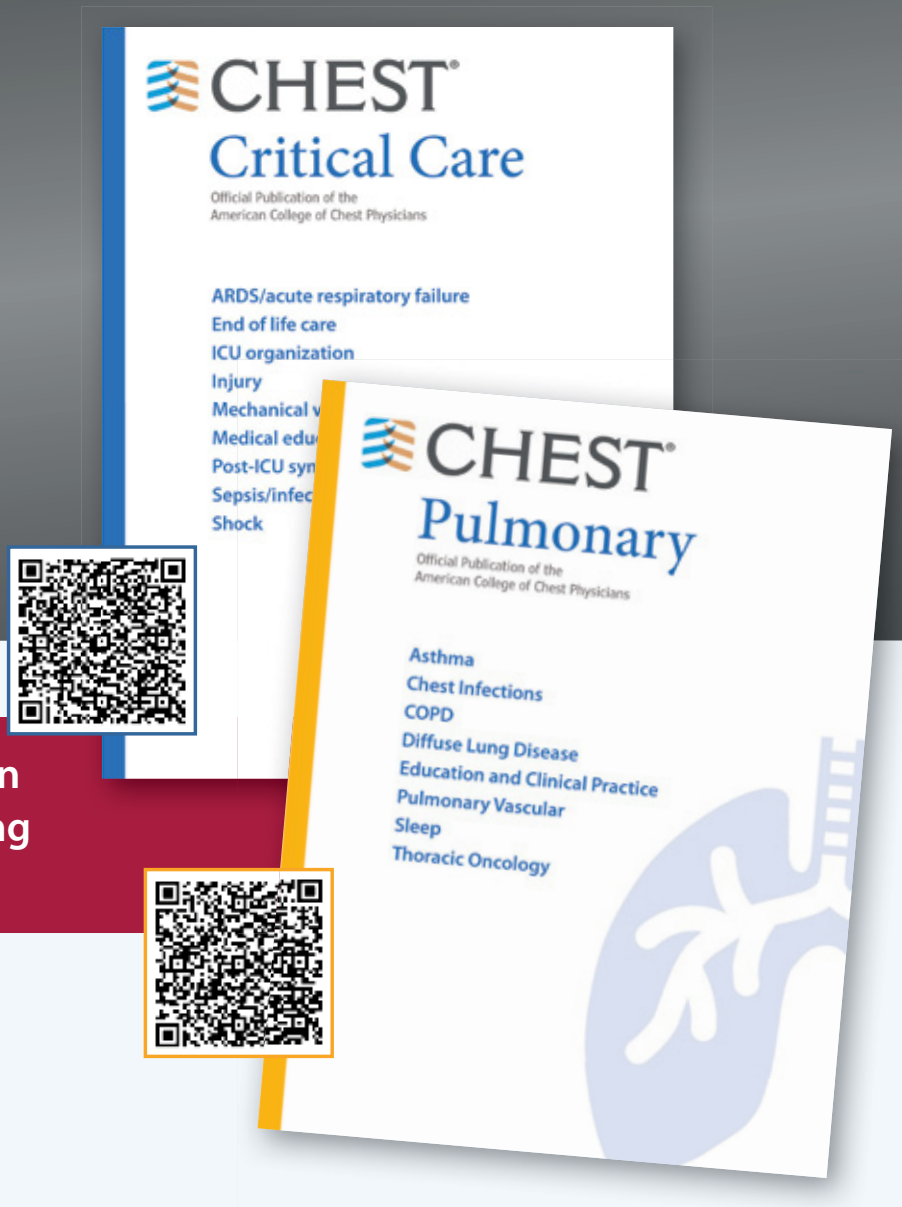
Armando Reyes Yparraguirre, MD



"As a resident physician, funding can often be a limitation, so I am truly grateful for this support that allowed me to present my work and learn from national experts in the field. The most meaningful part of attending the meeting was the chance to present my research and connect with physicians and researchers from different parts of the country who share the same passion for pulmonary and critical care medicine."

Bugra Zengin, MD

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FIRST 5 MINUTES®

CHEST's First 5 Minutes program equips clinicians with evidence-based communication training to help them build patient trust quickly and improve outcomes

For patients who have been newly diagnosed with lung cancer, the initial conversations can feel destabilizing. Between understanding the diagnosis and sorting through complex medical terminology, patients are often asked to process unfamiliar concepts in a matter of minutes. But these interactions are critical and do more than clarify the diagnosis—they can introduce patients to treatment options that might otherwise be overlooked.

The newest addition to CHEST's First 5 Minutes (F5M) program offers clinicians comprehensive training to help them discuss lung cancer clinical trial opportunities with their patients.



Adam Fox, MD, MS

"We're really focusing on the kind of early experience that clinicians and patients have when a new diagnosis is made," said Adam Fox, MD, MS, a pulmonologist at the Medical University of South Carolina who serves on the steering committee for this initiative.

"I've asked the group to get some patient stories in their head. Think about the breadth of things they've had to encounter," he said. "How do they deal with it when patients have this kind of concern about clinical trials for the treatment of lung cancer? Or what kinds of concerns do people have, and how do we mitigate them?"

To support clinicians in initiating conversations with patients about lung cancer clinical trial opportunities, the new F5M program includes webinars, mini-modules, and multimedia tools. The resources are designed to help clinicians initiate patient discussions using recommended language—all within a convenient, easy-to-use digital platform.

One of the program's greatest strengths is the diversity of expertise behind its development, Dr. Fox said. By bringing together clinicians from multiple specialties and clinical trial backgrounds, the steering committee was created to reflect the range of experiences and concerns that clinicians must address following a lung cancer diagnosis.

"It is going to be a rich discussion of different people with different trials and different specialties, really sharing this important insight into what patients experience and allowing us to take that empathetic stance toward what lung cancer puts them through and how we can serve them better," Dr. Fox said.

CHEST's F5M portfolio also includes Compassionate COPD Care, Compassionate ILD Care, Cultural Humility, Patient-Centered Approaches in Critical Care, and Strategies for Building Patient Trust.

To learn more about the training modules, visit Experience CHEST in the Exhibit Hall or scan the QR code.

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BRIDGING SPECIALTIES®

Two new programs expand resources to improve interdisciplinary collaboration in lung cancer screening and refractory chronic cough

Launched by CHEST in 2022, the Bridging Specialties initiative strives to close crucial gaps in patient diagnosis and clinical treatment by uniting the shared expertise of pulmonary and primary care specialists. This year, the initiative has expanded with two new programs targeting lung cancer screening and refractory chronic cough, further bridging the clinical nuances that burden patients.

TIMELY ACCESS TO LUNG CANCER SCREENING

Although lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death, lung cancer screening is one of the least-utilized cancer screening modalities. Barriers include stigma, limited awareness, and the need for annual follow-up. The Bridging Specialties program equips clinicians with tools to address those barriers and encourage earlier discussions about the advantages of lung cancer screening, aiming to make it a routine part of patient care.



"The Bridging Specialties program is formatted to highlight how important screening is and why it's beneficial. From there, we can tackle the barriers. The earlier we find lung cancer, the better. If we can start moving the needle on the lack of awareness and make the stigma and fear less common, then we can create a culture where everybody is asking about lung cancer screening. This program is definitely a step in that direction."

Brett Bade, MD, FCCP
Steering Committee Member

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TIMELY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT FOR REFRACTORY CHRONIC COUGH

Refractory chronic cough (RCC) affects millions of people worldwide, yet patients often face a lengthy journey to diagnosis. In primary care, chronic cough is frequently viewed as a symptom rather than a diagnosis.

The Bridging Specialties program provides clinicians with the resources to support earlier recognition, a multidisciplinary approach to diagnosis, and guideline-based management of RCC through webinars, podcasts, and a diagnostic patient simulator.



"I always consider the impact [RCC] has on the patient, the red flags that can indicate very serious problems—we don't want to miss them—and the systematic, algorithmic guideline-based pathway that clinicians can follow. The whole idea is to walk in the patient's shoes. I'm excited that we're bringing specialties together because patients with chronic cough often fall through the cracks because cough doesn't belong to one specialty."

Sandhya Khurana, MD, FCCP
Steering Committee Member

This educational activity is supported by an independent medical education grant from GSK.

To learn more about all six Bridging Specialties programs, visit Experience CHEST in the Exhibit Hall or scan the QR code.

SUSPECT BRONCHIECTASIS


Ty Pennington, Paid Spokesperson

A Message About Bronchiectasis: Years Without Answers, Until Doctors Took a Deeper Look Inside the Lungs

Ty Pennington Shares a Caretaker's Perspective

Emmy® Award–winning TV host, designer, and carpenter, Ty Pennington is opening up for the first time about his experience as a caretaker to his mother, who is living with bronchiectasis, a chronic lung disease that can get worse over time. Pennington has teamed up with Insmed to launch Suspect BE, an educational campaign focused on increasing awareness of bronchiectasis. As part of the initiative, Pennington sat down to share his perspective:

Can you share your personal connection to bronchiectasis?
My mom has lived with respiratory issues for most of her life. I can remember times when I was growing up and she had to isolate in a clean-air room. I would vacuum the walls to keep dust out and keep her cough at bay. Even through years of experiencing unresolved symptoms, she remains one of the most resilient people I know. Despite her health condition, she raised two kids on her own, has always worked tirelessly and still finds a way to be the funniest person in the room.

After 40 years of searching for answers to her unresolved respiratory symptoms, my mom was diagnosed with bronchiectasis. It took a long time to get real answers, and I know we're not the only family who's been through that, but her bronchiectasis diagnosis provided clarity to her unresolved symptoms and gave us relief because we finally understood what was going on.

What is the Suspect BE Campaign?
Suspect BE is a disease awareness campaign designed to increase understanding of bronchiectasis, a chronic lung disease that can worsen over time and may lead to lung damage. The campaign encourages people experiencing unresolved or recurring respiratory symptoms, such as chronic cough, excess mucus, or repeated lung infections, to look deeper into their symptoms and speak with a pulmonologist to see if additional testing, like a CT scan, could be the right next step to rule out or confirm bronchiectasis.

From a caretaker perspective, what do you want healthcare professionals to keep in mind?
In my world of home improvement, when something doesn't make sense, you don't just paint over the problem – you look beyond the surface to understand what's really going on. I start by examining the foundation and structure of the home. Then, I think about what's going on in the walls, in the attic, and in the air — because what you can't see matters. I've learned the same can be true with the lungs. Listening closely and considering what's beneath the surface could help people get answers sooner.

There are approximately 500,000 people in the U.S. diagnosed with bronchiectasis, and even more people may be living with the condition without even knowing it. People and their families are searching for answers and clarity behind their symptoms, so when someone's symptoms don't add up, it may be worth taking a closer look.

> **"Let's look deeper into unresolved respiratory symptoms and raise awareness of bronchiectasis so more people know when to talk to a pulmonologist."**
> *– Ty Pennington*

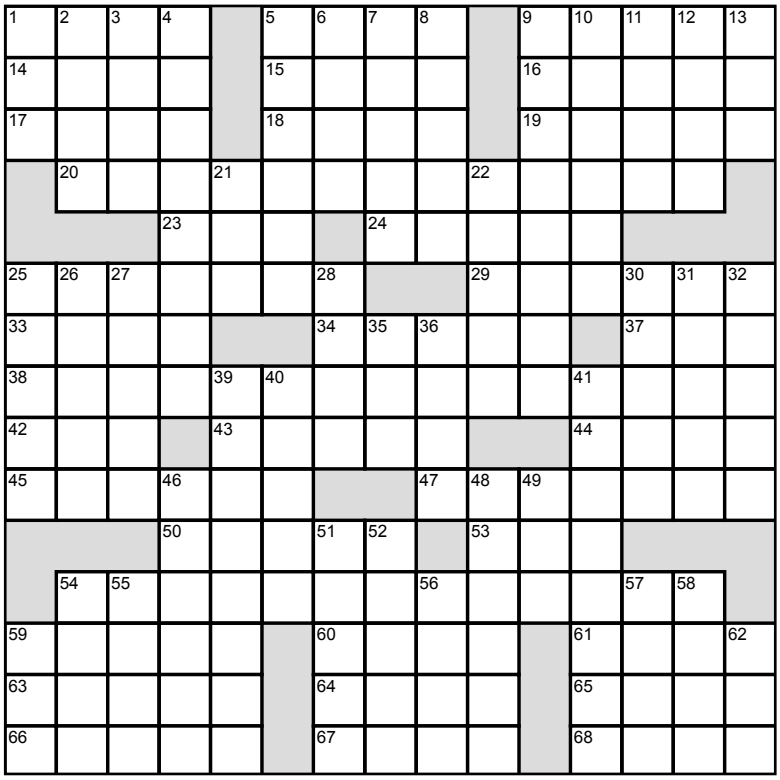
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CHEST 2026 Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Clawed animal that gives cancer its name

5. Hitch in a plan

9. New York strip alternative, or a type of auto accident with a high risk of rib fractures and lung injury

14. Gloomy atmosphere

15. Punta del _____, Uruguay

16. "Ready _____, here I come"

17. Follows NOPQ

18. Light gas

19. Acre divisions

20. Artistic freedom to change details or ignore the usual rules of grammar

23. Dave Grohl band: ___ Fighters

24. Purple shade that is New Hampshire's state flower

25. Publishers

29. A better word than "comply" to describe taking medication as directed

33. Ponce de ____

34. In _____ (a site for congenital diaphragmatic hernia surgery)

37. Potential hantavirus reservoir

38. Audible version of the world's most widely used "constructed auxiliary language"

42. Massive telecom company that US DOJ broke up in the 1980s

43. Caterpillar hairs

44. Pride member

45. Agree, eg, accede to writing a book chapter

47. Cricket, football, and field hockey teams

50. Even if, briefly (a spelling once favored by Teddy Roosevelt and the National Education Association)

53. Opposite of WSW

54. Successfully deceives

59. Eagle's nest that sounds like a well-ventilated lung

60. Holds close, like a Bair blanket in a hospital

61. Filmmaker Wertmüller, actor Esco, or opera singer Cavalieri

63. Like a beaver, or a "gunner" medical student

64. Tennis great Arthur who died from a pulmonary infection

65. Military shoreline protection group

66. What gowned outpatients are instructed to do after finishing a CT scan

67. To scorch meat surface

68. "____ lung," an occupational pulmonary disease for farmers

DOWN

1. In the 19th-century version of this revival technique, a victim's arms were raised above their head to aid inhalation, then pressed against the chest to aid exhalation

2. Woodworking tool used as a cough descriptor

3. Choir part

4. Colorful sad state

5. Graduate-to-be, or a tournament type for golfers over 50 years old

6. Tiny time period: Abbr.

7. Lagoon surrounder

8. Bottled spirits

9. Bullfighter

10. Nickname for a procedure commonly performed by pulmonologists

11. John Lennon's in-laws (or utterances when 10 Down hits a 5 Across)

12. Lymph bump found in the hilum or mediastinum

13. Space invaders, for short

21. Nail holder, occasionally subject to clubbing

22. Irish county

25. Lund from *Casablanca*, Faust from *Mission: Impossible*, and American author and psychiatrist Bick

26. Anatomical dividers, eg, between cardiac chambers or nostrils

27. Like smokestacks or airways after a fire

28. It's for the birds

30. *Sesame Street* regular with a memorable laugh

31. Boca _____, FL (related to 37 Across only in folk etymology)

32. Preppy collars and jackets

35. PHX bag screeners

36. Fencer's weapon

39. People who market products over the internet

40. Where warblers lay their eggs

41. Name shared by an air sac and a tooth cavity

46. New Haven alumni

48. One kind of omentum

49. A specialist who sees patients for chronic cough and throat irritation

51. A few laughs

52. Helpful, handy

54. Juicy fruit, or the scent of diabetic ketoacidosis

55. Type of incontinence

56. Turkish honorific

57. Not yet final, in law

58. Abbr. on a business letter suggesting there's something more to read

59. Portable medical device used to treat people with VF arrest; if needed, they're scattered around the convention center

62. In the past

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Following the Interstitial Lung Disease (ILD) Patient Journey: From Recognition to a Therapy Option
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Addressing Epithelial-Driven Inflammation in Severe Asthma: A Case-Based Approach
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Clinical Evidence in Severe Asthma: Expanding Clinical Experience With a Biologic Option for Patients With an Eosinophilic Phenotype
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Triple Therapy in Focus: Tailored Approaches to Obstructive Lung Disease
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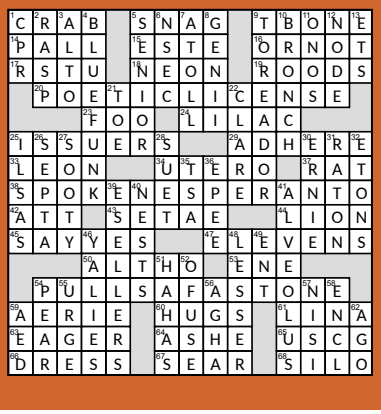
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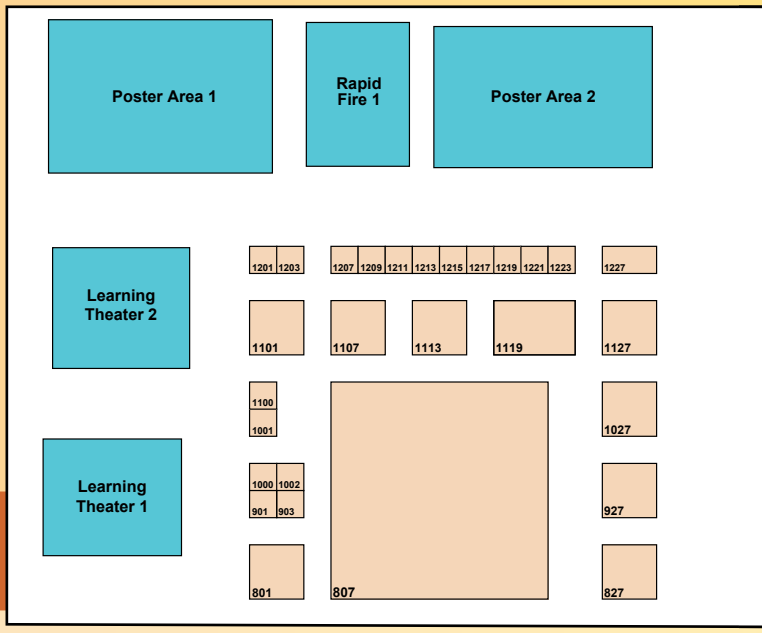
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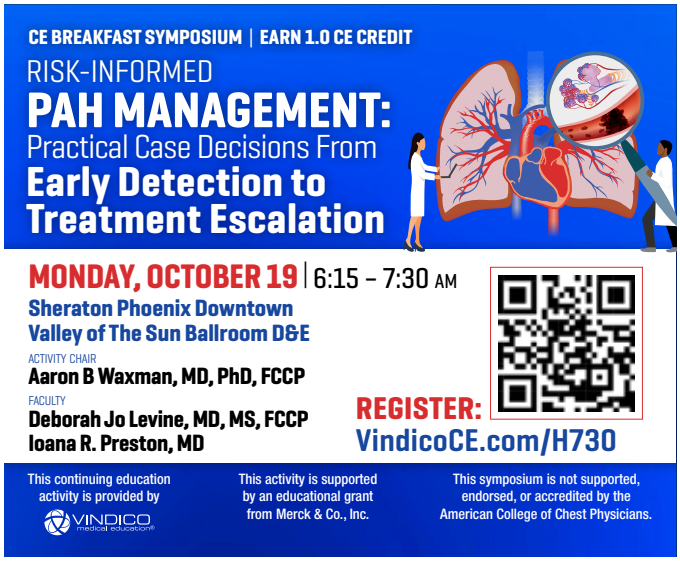
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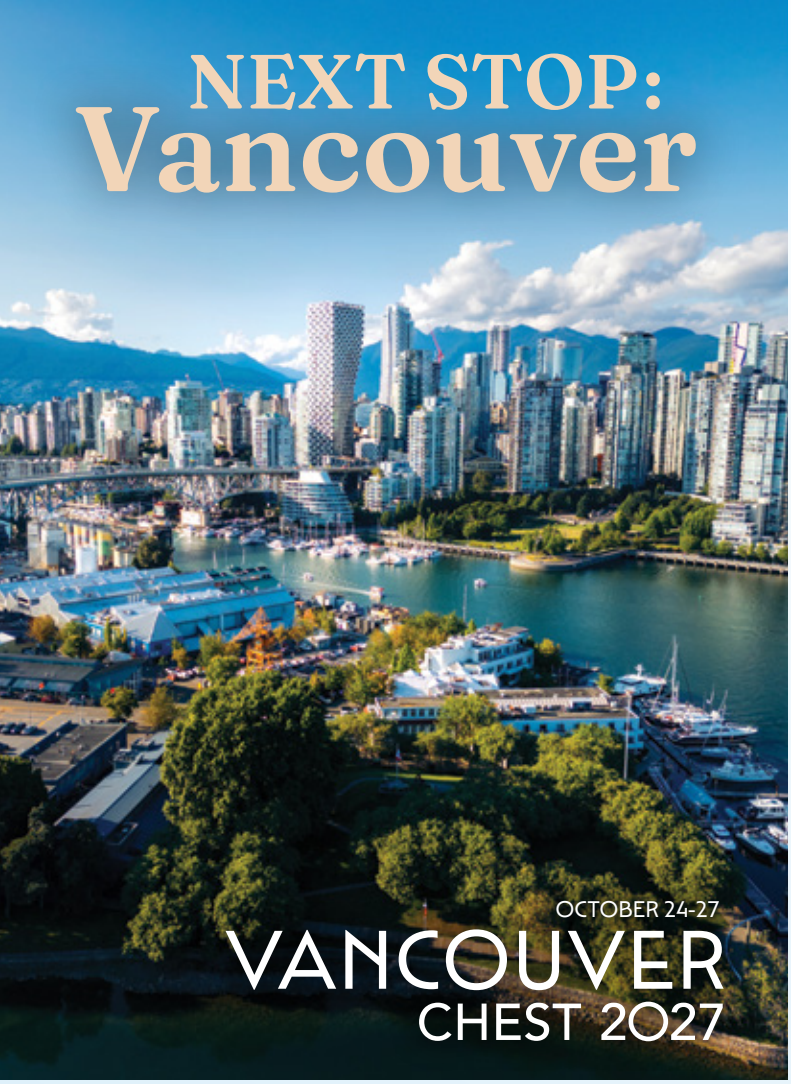
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Grab your passport! The CHEST Annual Meeting will return to Canada next year for the first time in a decade. CHEST 2027 will convene October 24 to 27, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The annual meeting has not traveled outside of the United States since CHEST 2017 in Toronto, and Vancouver has not been the host city since 2010. This time around, CHEST has struck up a unique partnership with the Canadian Thoracic Society to emphasize the unifying power of evidence-based practice that advances lung health, said Mauricio Danckers, MD, FCCP, Co-Chair of the CHEST 2027 Scientific Program Committee alongside Co-Chair Christopher Hergott, MD, FCCP.

"When I found out that I was Chair for Vancouver, my first thought was that it makes sense because CHEST extends beyond national borders to a larger community of PCCM clinicians all over the world," said Dr. Danckers, who got a firsthand look at Vancouver during a scouting trip in August.

"It's a beautiful combination of mountains and greenery and city life," he said. "It's a multicultural city. There are lots of things to do, people are very welcoming, and the food is spectacular."



Mauricio Danckers, MD, FCCP

Vancouver is indeed filled with world-class art galleries and museums, vibrant performing arts and nightlife, a robust culinary scene that includes 12 Michelin-star restaurants, and no shortage of family-friendly attractions. The city's natural forest, mountain, and ocean scenery can be appreciated from afar or experienced up close at destinations like the Capilano Suspension Bridge Park (pictured below) and Grouse Mountain. The beautiful fall foliage will be a great reason to get out and explore. But even if cooler temperatures keep some attendees closer to the heart of the city, there are still plenty of green spaces worth checking out, including the VanDusen Botanical Garden and the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden.



Vancouver is also home to the third-largest population of urban Indigenous peoples in Canada, and CHEST attendees will have many opportunities to learn about the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

"I'm excited to be in such a beautiful city while building on the Scientific Program Committee's work from the last few years," Dr. Danckers said. "I'm looking forward to the best experience, not only for learning updates in pulmonary and critical care medicine and educating attendees in all phases of their careers but also for strengthening our sense of community."

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Panel perspectives on the evolving management of NCFB

An interactive discussion on navigating diagnosis, disease burden, and treatment decisions in NCFB

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