



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

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

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I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer and spent some time with friends and family.

I would like to keep you informed of some of our upcoming AABIP activities and initiatives over the next few months:

1-The AABIP board certification exam's practice pathway is coming to close in **June of 2017**, which means that the last year for board certification via the practice pathway will be 2016.

**The AABIP board certification exam is scheduled on 12/09/16.** If you are seeking board certification in IP through the practice pathway, **you must apply between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> of 2016.**

Only graduates of AABIP Accredited Interventional Fellowship Programs will be eligible to take the Board Certification Examination in 2017. For further information, please click the link to our website: <http://aabronchology.org/education/board-certification/>

2- Coming soon: The AABIP is launching a smart device App (for iPhones and iPads) on Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS). This App will cover EBUS anatomy (videos, images and interactive graphs), lung cancer staging with a stage calculator, EBUS procedural considerations, cytopathology, clinical literature and guidelines and cases examples. The App should be available in the Apple Store very soon; look for it under "AABIP EBUS".

3-If you are planning to attend the CHEST annual meeting in LA in October of 2016, please register for one of the AABIP activities taking place during the meeting including the AABIP board review course on Friday 10/21/2016 and the post graduate course, the billing and coding symposium and the scientific research symposium, all taking place on Saturday 10/22/2016. Please visit our website for more information.

As always, please reach out to us with any ideas that can advance interventional pulmonology or help you or your patients in your daily practice.



## Updates from AABIP Committees

### Updates from the AABIP Membership Committee

**NEW members:** We welcome the new members of the committee, Drs. **David Hsia** from Harbor UCLA and Dr. **Jennifer Toth** from Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

### **NEW Chapter: The AABIP – advanced practice providers (APP) Chapter;**

The field of interventional pulmonology continues to grow, including the number and size of the clinical teams providing care. Many of these teams include physician assistants and nurse practitioners, which are collectively termed: advanced practice providers (APP). To support this group of clinicians, integral to many IP services, the AABIP is happy to announce the formation of the **Advanced Practice Providers Chapter**. This chapter is open to all APPs who are members of the AABIP, and it aims to provide education, networking and ultimately advance the role of the advanced practice provider in the field of interventional pulmonary. These goals will be accomplished through webinars, electronic resources, and annual meetings.

So far, there are more than 25 members from different community and university medical centers. This chapter is being directed by chair, Kelsey Johnson, PA-C, vice chair, Karen ManKenney, FNP-C and Secretary Danielle Caudell Stamper, CNP. If you are interested or know someone interested in joining the chapter, please have them email [Kelsey.Johnson@ynhh.org](mailto:Kelsey.Johnson@ynhh.org) or [KLMacKenney@mdanderson.org](mailto:KLMacKenney@mdanderson.org)

### Updates from the Education Committee

This committee's activities continue to validate AABIP's mission to **advance the care of patients with thoracic diseases through the synergy of innovative technologies, minimally invasive procedures, and transformative education**. In addition to organizing the Webinars, the Education Committee has created SEEK-Style education materials for Board Review. This educational content is comprised of 100 questions with short explanations and is ready to be launched. Furthermore, this committee is working on an app for iPhones and iPads, which people can search in each batch.



**“Volitional effort is effort of attention”  
William James 1842-1910**

**American Philosopher, Psychologist and Physician**

**Update in Interventional Pulmonology and Board Review Course  
Friday, October 21st, 2016**



The “Update in Interventional Pulmonology and Board Review Course,” will be held on **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016** at the

**Courtyard Los Angeles L.A. Live 901 West Olympic Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA**

Internationally recognized faculty will provide an overview of all interventional pulmonology topics relevant to physicians intending to take the Board Examination on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 and for those seeking to expand their knowledge in interventional pulmonology.

This year’s format will use a clinical case-based approach to cover contemporary issues within Interventional Pulmonology. The course directors (Roberto Casal, MD Anderson; David Hsia, Harbor UCLA and Septimiu Murgu, University of Chicago) believe that a case-based approach, using short 15 minute- interactive lectures will provide participants a meaningful learning experience. Medical education literature supports the use of this format as a more efficient teaching modality than the conventional lecture based programs, in terms of cognitive knowledge gain and retention. Last year’s course in Montreal was very well attended (66 participants; the room was packed!!) and extremely well received by the participants.

The topics covered are grouped in the following categories:

**Lung Cancer and Advanced Diagnostic Bronchoscopy**  
**Airway Disorders and Therapeutic Bronchoscopy**  
**Pleural Disorders**  
**Disease Specific Treatments**  
**Other Topics**

The course is comprised of a total of 30 interactive lectures delivered by 18 expert faculty members from USA, Canada and Europe.

Further a detailed agenda please visit our website at: <http://aabronchology.org/2016/08/15/register-now-for-the-2016-update-in-interventional-pulmonology-and-board-review-course/>

## AABIP Webinars

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

Dr. Momen Wahidi has initiated this project in August 2015 and served as the initial moderator. Now, these webinars are run almost every month. The current moderators, Drs. David Hsia from Harbor-UCLA and Russell Miller from Naval Medical Center San Diego do a fantastic job selecting relevant topics and expert faculty.

The topics addressed to date include:

1. *Tips to improve e your yield with EBUS-TBNA* by Kazuhiro Yasufuku
2. *Practical tips to optimize your Radial EBUS Sampling of The Peripheral Lung Nodule* by Alex Chen
3. *Management of Malignant Effusions from an IP Perspective* by Ali Musani
4. *Starting an IP Practice: practical considerations* by Kevin Kovitz and Kim French
5. *Anesthesia Considerations for IP Procedures* by Mona Sarkiss
6. *Performing Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy* by Thomas Gildea
7. *Building and Optimizing Your Lung Screening Program* by Carla Lamb
8. *Management of Tracheobronchomalacia* by Sidhu Gangadharan and Adnan Majid

We thank the expert faculty, Drs. Hsia and Miller for volunteering their time and sharing their expertise and Mrs. Clare Bradford for helping arrange these successful webinars!

We invite our members to suggest other topics that may be relevant for the IP practice in US and abroad.

## Interventional Pulmonology Board Certification Examination

**The year's exam will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2016.** Last year, sixty-five people took the examination and 54 passed it. We remind our members that after 2017, only graduates of AABIP accredited Interventional Pulmonology Programs will be eligible to take the Board Certification Examination. Details regarding the IP fellowship accreditation process will be released in a future document, now endorsed by AIPPD, ATS and ACCP.

For those interested, full eligibility requirements and instructions are available at: <http://aabronchology.org/education/board-certification/>.



[www.hs-heilbronn.de](http://www.hs-heilbronn.de)



<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/usa/los-angeles> accessed on 8/27/2016

**“Experience coupled with attention leads to physical changes in the structure and future functioning of the nervous system”**

**Michael Merzenich, American Neuroscientist**

## AABIP at CHEST 2016 in Los Angeles: Mark your Calendar!

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**-24th Annual Assembly of the American Association for Bronchology & Interventional Pulmonology- Chairs: Kazuhiro Yasufuku and Alex Chen

Review advancements in interventional pulmonology, focusing on the bronchoscopic and surgical approaches involved with managing patients with various stages of lung cancer. Hear the current AABIP president present, Interventional Pulmonology: Year in Review. A hands-on afternoon session will offer the opportunity to perform endobronchial ultrasound, peripheral bronchoscopy using advanced bronchoscopic techniques such as electromagnetic navigation, medical thoracoscopy, and placement of indwelling tunneled catheters in a simulation-based environment under the direction of experienced faculty. For a detailed agenda, please follow the link: <http://aabronchology.org/2016/08/18/24th-annual-assembly-of-the-american-association-for-bronchology-interventional-pulmonology/>.

Time: 6.30 am-5.15 pm

### Venue:

Convention Center Room: 404AB

**AABIP at CHEST 2016 in Los Angeles: Mark your Calendar!**

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016** - *Billing and Coding Symposium* – Moderators: Momen Wahidi, Scott Manaker, Kim French and Kevin Kovitz

Time: 5:15 – 6:45 pm

**Venue:**

Line Hotel

Wilshire and Normandie

3515 Wilshire Blvd

Los Angeles, CA 90010

We will send email announcements for online registration and reminders every few weeks. Last year's sessions were very popular. The participants find these sessions extremely relevant in the current financial environment of health care organizations. For more details, please visit us at: <http://aabronchology.org/2016/08/22/aabip-symposium-billing-and-coding-for-pulmonary-procedures/>

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016** - *Fall Scientific Symposium* – Chairs: Rabih Bechara and Fabien Maldonado

Time: 630 pm-10 pm

The primary objective of this symposium is to encourage young IP investigators to present early project ideas with the goal to foster scientific discussion with active audience participation and advice/input from more seasoned IP scientists and researchers. To re-capture this objective, the AABIP research committee encourages IP fellows and junior faculty to submit proposals for a clinical trial or investigation based on currently unmet data to guide evidence-based IP practice. We welcome and encourage a broad spectrum of research interests from basic science to clinical research. The emphasis will be for the audience and presenter to learn from each other, and hopefully offer guidance and potential collaboration.

**The deadline for abstract submission is September 30, 2016 11:59 PM Eastern.**

More details are available at: <http://aabronchology.org/2016/08/22/aabip-fall-scientific-symposium-2016/>

Tobias Peikert from Mayo Clinic is the guest speaker and will present "*How an Idea progresses – Cryotherapy before Extrapleural-pneumonectomy*"

**Venue:**

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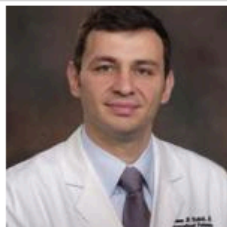
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#### AABIP EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Officers are elected from among nominations proposed by the Nominations committee of the AABIP. Individuals serve two-year terms in each office, reporting back to the executive committee, Board of Directors, and AABIP membership.



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