

World Congress of Bronchology Meeting

Every two years, leaders of the field and colleagues from throughout the world gather on a different continent for three days of discussions, symposia and expert teaching. AAB members are offered joint membership in the WAB at reduced rates, and are eligible for a discount for the world congress.

Educational Activities

The AAB actively promotes educational opportunities for physicians worldwide. In conjunction with bronchology societies from foreign nations, the AAB helps sponsor or cosponsor postgraduate courses and symposia. In the United States, the AAB sponsors a special day-long session devoted to interventional techniques during the annual meeting of the American College of Chest Physicians. Program Chairs of courses for interventional procedures and ancillary personnel can apply to the AAB for certification of their curriculum.

Sponsored Research

The AAB allocates \$10,000 to \$20,000 each year to fund research endeavors. For example, the AAB funded a national survey of bronchoscopic practice in the United States. Submitted research proposals are reviewed bi-yearly by the Research, Education, and Finance committees.

Committees

Members are encouraged to participate on the program, education, research, finance, membership, and awards committees. At least two members rotate onto and off the AAB Board of Directors every two years, providing opportunities for new enthusiastic members to participate in the leadership of our society.

Awards

Young investigators and future leaders in our field are rewarded for outstanding research or clinical accomplishments. Awards are presented to selected trainees or junior level faculty members at the annual meeting. Award recipients are also provided with a complimentary one year membership in the AAB (which includes subscription to the *Journal of Bronchology*).

Benefits of Membership

- ◆ Subscription to the *Journal of Bronchology*.
- ◆ Enhanced communication or consultation with others in the field via membership directories, meetings, conference calls, Internet access and video or teleconferencing.
- ◆ Discounted registration fees for the biennial World Association for Bronchology meeting.
- ◆ Membership discounts for students, trainees and affiliates such as nurses, respiratory therapists and physician assistants.

The AAB Affiliates Forum

The mission of the Affiliates Forum is to provide nurses, respiratory therapists and other health professionals involved with interventional pulmonary procedures a forum for professional support, education and scientific exchange. This forum promotes interaction with a national and international network of peers in order to exchange ideas and solve problems in a collaborative relationship that will benefit patients with malignant pulmonary disease, tracheobronchial disease and pleural processes.

AAB Newsletter

Published every 6 months, *Bronchology News* provides information about activities and issues affecting bronchology association members. This newsletter also contains commentaries and announcements about upcoming events, procedure-related business updates and critical reviews of industry-related issues.

How to Join

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American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology



The American Association for Bronchology (AAB) is dedicated to promoting excellence in clinical care, education, and research in the rapidly expanding fields of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology. Our members strive to improve and develop technologies and procedures used in these fields.

The cornerstone of our mission is to enhance multidisciplinary and international collaboration in our quest to develop, evaluate and disseminate techniques and procedures that will benefit patients with lung cancer, tracheobronchial diseases, pleural processes, and other thoracic disorders.

About the Society

Founded in 1993, the American Association for Bronchology is an interdisciplinary society dedicated to bronchoscopy and interventional pulmonology. AAB members are devoted to the advancement of education, research and the development of procedural standards in the discipline of Interventional Pulmonology. Procedures include, but are not limited to bronchoscopy, thoracoscopy, diagnostic and therapeutic laser procedures, cryotherapy, brachytherapy, pleural and endoscopic ultrasonography, angiography, stenting, photodynamic therapy, autofluorescence bronchoscopy, electromagnetic navigation, electrocautery, tracheostomy and methods of transtracheal oxygen delivery.

The society's diverse membership includes trainees as well as senior pulmonologists, chest surgeons, otorhinolaryngologists, and pediatricians with interests in chest diseases. Members come from a variety of backgrounds and academic disciplines. Many are or have been involved in the development and expansion of procedural activities at some point during their careers.

Membership in the AAB provides numerous opportunities to learn, teach, study, and develop a vast number of procedural techniques in order to determine their appropriate applications in chest medicine and surgery. The AAB welcomes members with interests in oncology, epidemiology and medical decision making (evidence-based medicine), recognizing that the primary focus of the society is on pulmonary. AAB also encourages participation by trainees and nonphysician affiliates to promote education and research.

Goals

- ◆ To develop optimal strategies for diagnosing and treating patients with complex airway, lung, or pleural disorders.
- ◆ To advance education, research, and development of procedural standards in the discipline of interventional pulmonology.
- ◆ To develop clinical pathways that effectively use both proven and emerging interventional techniques.
- ◆ To design, develop, and perform clinical trials for novel diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.
- ◆ To enable global collaboration and to enhance health care provider and public education about diagnostic, curative and palliative pulmonary procedures.

Members' Areas of Interest

AAB members work in hospitals, private clinics, university medical centers, tertiary care referral institutions, and government agencies. All are motivated by their interest to learn, teach, and develop technical expertise in diagnosing and treating patients with chest diseases.

- ◆ Diagnostic and therapeutic flexible bronchoscopy.
- ◆ Pleural procedures, including thoracoscopy and pleurodesis.
- ◆ Therapeutic airway procedures such as bronchoscopic stent insertion, laser resection, brachytherapy, cryotherapy, electrocautery, and rigid bronchoscopy.
- ◆ Photodynamic therapy and autofluorescence bronchoscopy.
- ◆ Early detection, staging and management of lung cancer.
- ◆ Palliative treatments for patients with cancer-related advanced lung disease.
- ◆ Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine.
- ◆ Health care technology assessment.
- ◆ Quality of care issues and medical economics.
- ◆ Patient and health care provider education.
- ◆ Development of practice guidelines and algorithms.
- ◆ Novel diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopic modalities.
- ◆ Interventional aspects of Critical Care Medicine.

Journal of Bronchology (www.bronchology.com)

The *Journal of Bronchology* (JOB), published quarterly, is the official journal of both the AAB and the WAB. JOB has become an influential source of information for physicians and other health care providers interested in the procedural aspects of a pulmonary or thoracic surgery practice. Sections of the *Journal* include original research, a "How I do it" section describing procedural techniques, a review article, a clinical controversy in the format of a "pro-con" debate, bronchoscopic and thoracoscopic images and brief reports.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting provides an excellent opportunity to interact with other colleagues in academic and private practice as well as opinion leaders in the world of Interventional Pulmonology. New ideas are presented here, sometimes months or years before their introduction into daily clinical practice! To maximize accessibility, the annual meeting of the AAB is held as a CME accredited postgraduate course in association with the annual American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) meeting. A keynote address by a leader in the field is followed by a full day program of scientific lectures, debates, panel discussions, and hands-on workshops taught by internationally recognized experts and course instructors.

In this casual and friendly environment, AAB members, many of whom have joint membership in the World Association for Bronchology (WAB), share interests and ideas. At the end of the day members of AAB have opportunities to meet with well-known experts and other AAB members in both formal and informal social settings sponsored by the AAB.