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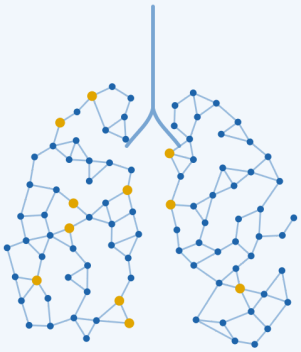
Advocacy & IMPACT Summit 2027

Innovation, Advocacy, and Patient-Centered Transformation

February 27–28, 2027 | San Antonio, TX



ABOUT THE SUMMIT

Join AABIP in San Antonio for a one-day summit on the policy, reimbursement, technology, and professional issues shaping the future of interventional pulmonology. Six plenaries and four interactive breakouts explore shared priorities and concrete commitments for the field.

INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Interventional pulmonologists, IP clinical program leaders, administrative directors, advanced bronchoscopists, hospital administrators, advocates, and industry partners.

Program

Saturday, February 27 | 7:00 AM–5:30 PM followed by Networking Dinner

7:00–7:45

Breakfast: Advanced Bronchoscopy and Interventional Pulmonary Clinical Director Playbook: A Clinical Leadership & Business Strategy Roundtable

Interactive breakfast for clinical directors and administrative directors to address operational challenges and strategies for program growth. A practical IP Business Starter Kit will be provided.

8:00–8:15	**Opening Bell: The State of AABIP Advocacy** Opening remarks and summit goals.
8:15–9:10	**Plenary 1: Charting the Course — The Future of Advanced Bronchoscopy & IP (Ablation and COPD Therapeutics)** The next 5–10 years of IP, therapeutic bronchoscopy, multidisciplinary pathways, industry partnership in innovation, access, outcomes, and evidence and competency needs.
9:10–10:20	**Plenary 2: Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Quality of Healthcare: Friend, Foe or Force Multiplier?** Nationally recognized leaders in AI will explore with us the impact of AI on all aspects of healthcare: patient access, workflow automation, and impact on the delivery of healthcare. This moderated expert panel of physician leaders, hospital executives, and industry consulting will create an interactive environment with a robust audience Q&A.
10:20–10:35	**Coffee Break**
10:35–11:30	**Plenary 3: Show Me the Coverage — From CPT to LCD, a Unified Reimbursement Strategy for IP** CPT and coverage gaps, LCDs, denials, site-of-service issues, emerging technology evidence, registries, and collaborative market-access advocacy with industry partners.
11:30–11:35	**TRANSITION TO BREAKOUTS**
11:35–12:05	**Breakout 1: Screen Time — Protecting and Expanding Lung Cancer Screening** Screening uptake, access barriers, cost-sharing after abnormal screens, nodule pathways, and federal/state policy asks.

12:05–12:35	**Breakout 2: Dollars & Sense — The Reimbursement Roundtable** IP and device companies at one table: IPs bring the coding, denial, and site-of-service issues that affect program viability; industry brings market-access, health-economics, and coverage-strategy perspectives. Together, map evidence gaps for emerging technologies, align on registry and real-world-data needs, and agree on 2–3 joint CMS/ LCD advocacy priorities.
12:35–1:20	**Networking Lunch**
1:20–2:10	**Plenary 4: From Procedure to Profession — The Path to CMS Subspecialty Recognition for IP** Making the case for a distinct CMS subspecialty designation for IP; what a dedicated Medicare specialty code would mean for billing, benchmarking, quality reporting, and workforce data; the supporting evidence, including ABIM/ABMS recognition, ACGME training, registries, outcomes, and competency standards; and the advocacy roadmap and partners, including industry, needed to get there.
2:10–3:00	**Plenary 5: Learning from the Lapses — Forgive, Forget, or Remember? Managing Errors in IP** Technical, judgment, normative, and quasi-normative errors, mitigation, and medico-legal considerations.
3:00–3:15	**Coffee Break**
3:15–4:00	**Plenary 6: Bigger Table, Stronger Field — One Field, Many Voices** How AABIP engages all of its constituents. What industry needs from AABIP (trusted clinical input, training and competency standards, registry and evidence collaboration, early insight into unmet clinical needs), what AABIP and its members need from industry, and transparent, compliant pathways for industry participation in committees, education, and innovation.

4:00–4:05 TRANSITION TO BREAKOUTS

4:05–4:35

Breakout 3: Cleared for Takeoff — Credentialing, Privileging, New Technology & Data Participation

Compare institutional privileging standards, introduction of new technology, registry participation barriers, and scalable multi-vendor training and competency approaches developed with industry partners.

4:35–5:05

Breakout 4: AABIP Advocacy in Action — Shaping the Future of Patient-Focused Interventional Care

Mixed tables of IPs and industry partners identify 3–5 shared, actionable priorities across program growth and access, training and competency, registries and real-world evidence, technology adoption, and policy, each with a named owner (AABIP, joint, or industry) and a next step; final report-out closes the summit.

5:05–5:10 TRANSITION TO WRAP-UP

5:10–5:30

Wrap-Up: From Talk to Action — Priorities & Closing Commitments

Brief report-out of breakout priorities, next steps, and adjournment.

6:30–7:00 **Cocktails**

7:00–9:00 **Networking Dinner**

Sunday, February 28

8:00–1:00

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