

Florida Thoracic Society
ATS Chapter

Fall Newsletter

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Florida Thoracic Society
Third Annual Conference

NOVEMBER 6–7, 2026

The Rosen Centre · Orlando, FL

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FTS Third Annual Conference Program

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Friday, November 6

MORNING · SHOCK SYMPOSIUM

Hands-on stations led by multidisciplinary experts and industry representatives focusing on mechanical circulatory support

- Intra-aortic balloon pump (IABP)
- Impella devices
- Extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
- Extracorporeal CPR (ECPR)

AFTERNOON · FELLOWS COURSE

Focused educational sessions on obstructive lung disease for Pulmonary & Critical Care fellows

- Asthma
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Bronchiectasis

Saturday, November 7

Adult and pediatric tracks run concurrently.

ADULT PROGRAM

8–9am · The journey from screening to cure in lung cancer

9–10am · Two is worse than one: ILD-PH

10–10:30am · Exhibition Hall coffee break

10:30–11:30am · ECMO: not everybody agrees on the same thing

11:30am–1pm · Lunch break

1–2pm · Alpha-1 Antitrypsin deficiency: the most common genetic disease we still miss

2–3pm · Bridging pediatric and adult pulmonary care: the transition to adulthood

PEDIATRIC PROGRAM

8–9am · Tuberculosis in Florida – Complex Case with Interventional Pulmonology

10–10:30am · Exhibition Hall coffee break

10:30–11:30am · Cystic Fibrosis updates in newborn screening

11:30am–1pm · Lunch break

1–2pm · Pediatric Sleep

3–4pm	Exhibition Hall coffee break
4–5pm	Florida Thoracic Society Members (General Session)

COPD Awareness Month Webinar

COPD Action Alliance Roundtable · November 16, 2026 · 12:00 PM ET



Register now. Register for the webinar on Zoom

FTS Advocacy Committee

Advocacy Opportunities in Florida

The FTS Advocacy Committee works to draft, adopt and support policy positions to reflect the unmet needs of our members and patients in the state of Florida.

Current advocacy work

- Communicating with Senator Moody against youth-targeted nicotine products, specifically:
  - Evidence based outline of the dangers of flavored tobacco products
  - Importance of strengthening FDA's tobacco regulatory authority
  - Review and endorsement of the Tobacco Control Act
- Involvement with key lung health groups, including:
  - Alpha 1 Foundation
  - AARC
  - Tobacco Free Kids

Priorities for future advocacy

The FTS Advocacy Committee remains dedicated to expanding lung health advocacy efforts, with future goals and directions to include:

- Affordability and accessibility of controller and maintenance medications
- Mandated stock of bronchodilators in Florida schools
- Vaccine accessibility
- Transition from gas powered lawn equipment to electric alternatives is important for individual and community health.

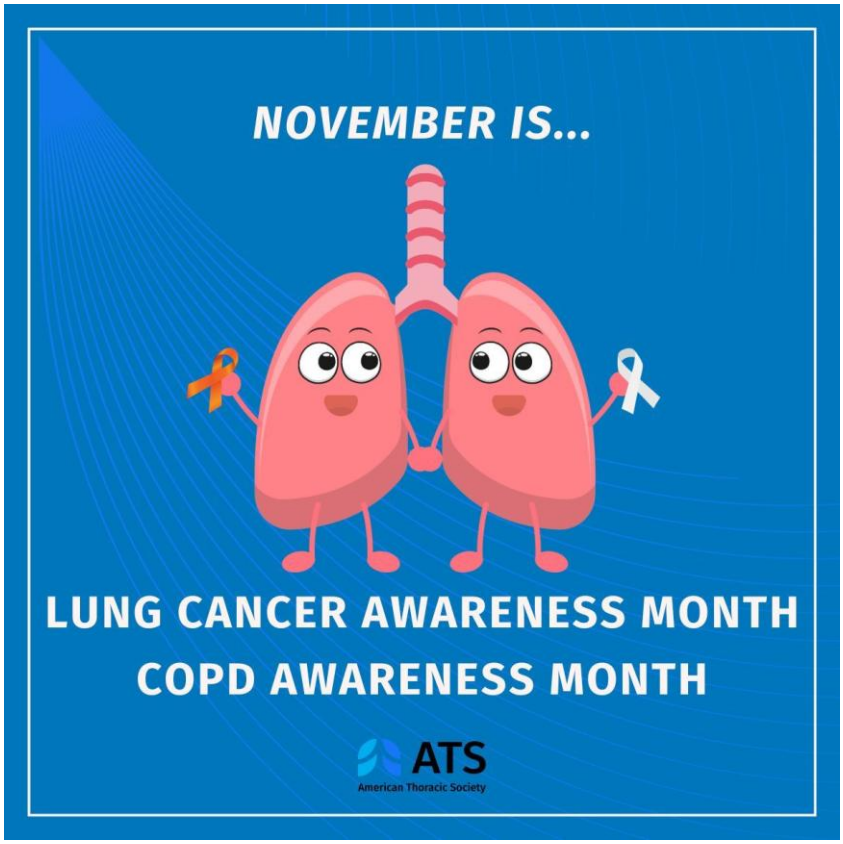
CALL TO ACTION

If interested in the FTS Advocacy Committee please reach out to: info@floridathoracic.org



November Lung Health Awareness

COPD Awareness Month · Lung Cancer Awareness Month



November is officially recognized as both Lung Cancer Awareness Month and COPD Awareness Month. Both observances focus on early detection, symptom awareness, risk factors, and lung health education.

Additional ATS resources

For additional resources, including ATS Statements, Clinical Cases, Patient Fact Sheets, and other ATS resources, please follow the links below.

COPD Resources

https://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/disease-related-resources/copd.php

Lung Cancer Resources

https://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/disease-related-resources/cancer.php