

Thursday, September 17, 2026		
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Registration (LOBBY, FIRST FLOOR) Continental Breakfast (LIBRARY ROOM, FIRST FLOOR) Posters and Coffee (BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR)
MAIN MEETING SESSION: BALLROOM B, SECOND FLOOR		
8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Welcome and Conference Logistics <i>Melanie Königshoff, MD, PhD; University of Pittsburgh</i> <i>Frank Scieurba, MD; University of Pittsburgh</i>
8:15 AM	8:30 AM	American Lung Association Introduction <i>TBD</i>
8:30 AM	8:35 AM	Keynote Introduction <i>TBD</i>
8:35 AM	8:55 AM	Keynote Presentation – Towards the Elimination of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease <i>Enid Neptune, MD</i> <i>Johns Hopkins University</i>
SESSION 1: THE EXPOSOME IN COPD		
<i>Session Chairs: Will Bain, MD; University of Pittsburgh</i> <i>Sally Wenzel, MD; University of Pittsburgh</i>		
8:55 AM	9:00 AM	Session Chair Introduction
9:00 AM	9:20 AM	Early Life Events in COPD <i>Rosa Faner, PhD</i> <i>Hospital Clinic Barcelona</i>
9:20 AM	9:40 AM	Burnpit Exposure and COPD <i>Silpa Krefft, MD, MPH</i> <i>National Jewish Health</i>
9:40 AM	10:00 AM	Controlling Inflammation in the Airway Epithelium <i>Yohannes Tesfaigzi, PhD</i> <i>Harvard Medical School</i>

10:00 AM	10:10 AM	Early Career Presentation #1 TBD from Abstract Submissions <i>TBD</i>
10:10 AM	10:30 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION
10:30 AM	10:55 AM	Refreshment Break and Poster Viewing (BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR)
SESSION 2: FROM GENES TO FUNCTION		
	<i>Session Chairs:</i>	<i>John Evankovich, MD; University of Pittsburgh</i> <i>Karina Serban, MD; University of Florida</i>
10:55 AM	11:00 AM	Session Chair Introduction
11:00 AM	11:20 AM	Using iPSCs to Discover Mechanistic Drivers of AATD <i>Andrew Wilson, MD</i> <i>Boston University</i>
11:20 AM	11:40 AM	Phenomics in COPD <i>Divay Chandra, MD, MSc</i> <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
11:40 AM	12:00 PM	Bringing Life to COPD GWAS Genes <i>Anny Xiabo Zhou, PhD</i> <i>University of Virginia</i>
12:00 PM	12:10 PM	Early Career Presentation #2 TBD from Abstract Submissions <i>TBD</i>
12:10 PM	12:30 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Lunch (BUFFET PROVIDED, GOLD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR)
1:00 PM	1:50 PM	Poster Session (BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR)
HOT TOPICS IN COPD		
	<i>Session Chairs:</i>	<i>Jose Lugo-Martinez, PhD; Carnegie Mellon University</i> <i>Irina Petrache, MD, National Jewish Health</i>
1:50 PM	2:00 PM	COPD-iNet Developments <i>A. Önder Yildirim, PhD</i> <i>Helmholtz, Munich</i> Session Chair Introduction

2:00 PM	2:20 PM	AI Approaches to Improve Precision Medicine for Chronic Lung Diseases <i>Bradley Malin, PhD</i> <i>Vanderbilt University</i>
2:20 PM	2:30 PM	Early Career Presentation #3 TBD from Abstract Submissions <i>TBD</i>
2:30 PM	2:40 PM	Early Career Presentation #4 TBD from Abstract Submissions <i>TBD</i>
2:40 PM	2:50 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
2:50 PM	3:05 PM	Refreshment Break and Poster Viewing (BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR)
SESSION 3: THE (RE)GENERATIVE CIRCUITS IN COPD		
<i>Session Chairs: Kambez Benam, DPhil; University of Pittsburgh</i> <i>Mareike Lehmann, PhD; University of Marburg</i>		
3:05 PM	3:10 PM	Session Chair Introduction
3:10 PM	3:30 PM	Modeling Lung Development in 4D <i>Jennifer Sucre, MD</i> <i>Vanderbilt University</i>
3:30 PM	3:50 PM	Impact of Postnatal Lung Development on Lung Regeneration and Disease <i>Maria Basil, MD, PhD</i> <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
3:50 PM	4:10 PM	COPD Microenvironments Defined through Multiomic Approaches <i>Maor Sauler, MD</i> <i>Yale School of Medicine</i>
4:10 PM	4:30 PM	Post-COPD: Can Emphysema Be Repaired? <i>Stephen Rennard, MD</i> <i>University of Nebraska Medical Center</i>
4:30 PM	4:40 PM	Early Career Presentation #5 TBD from Abstract Submissions <i>TBD</i>
4:40 PM	5:00 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
5:00 PM		Adjournment

5:00 PM	5:30 PM	Travel Time to PILC Evening Program
<i>Evening Program Location – Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens</i>		
5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Cocktails
6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Dinner Buffet
8:00 PM	8:30 PM	<p>Keynote Presentation <i>(coffee & dessert available/served at this time)</i></p> <p>Back to the Future: Lesson Learned in COPD</p> <p><i>Presented by:</i> Steven D. Shapiro, MD Senior Vice President for Health Affairs USC Health</p>
8:45 PM	9:15 PM	Transportation back to hotels
Friday, September 18, 2026		
7:30 AM	8:15 AM	Registration (LOBBY, FIRST FLOOR) Continental Breakfast (LIBRARY ROOM, FIRST FLOOR) Posters and Coffee (BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR)
MAIN MEETING SESSION: BALLROOM B, SECOND FLOOR		
SESSION 4: HALLMARKS OF AGING IN COPD		
<i>Session Chairs: Aditi Gurkar, PhD; University of Pittsburgh TBD</i>		
8:15 AM	8:30 AM	Welcome and Session Chair Introduction
8:30 AM	8:50 AM	More than a Powerhouse: Mitochondrial Dysfunction in COPD and Aging <i>Corrine Kliment, MD, PhD</i> <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
8:50 AM	9:10 AM	Stem Cell Exhaustion in COPD <i>Yan Hu, PhD</i> <i>Nationwide Children’s Hospital</i>
9:10 AM	9:30 AM	Inflammaging in COPD <i>Jonathan Baker, PhD</i> <i>Imperial College London</i>
9:30 AM	9:40 AM	Early Career Presentation #6 TBD from Abstract Submissions TBD

9:40 AM	10:00 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	Refreshment Break and Poster Viewing (BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR)
SESSION 5: ALTERED IMMUNITY AS A DRIVER OF AIRWAY DISEASE		
<i>Session Chairs: Suzanne Cloonan, PhD; Trinity College, Dublin A. Önder Yildirim, PhD; Helmholtz Munich</i>		
10:15 AM	10:20 AM	Session Chair Introduction
10:20 AM	10:40 AM	The Immune System Continuum from Asthma to COPD <i>Anuradha Ray, PhD University of Pittsburgh</i>
10:40 AM	11:00 AM	Immunological Phenotypes in COPD <i>Francesca Polverino, MD Baylor College of Medicine Houston</i>
11:00 AM	11:20 AM	Innate Immune Cell Signaling via Extracellular Vesicles Drives COPD <i>Amit Gaggar, MD, PhD University of Alabama</i>
11:20 AM	11:30 AM	Early Career Presentation #7 TBD from Abstract Submissions <i>TBD</i>
11:30 AM	11:50 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION
EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS IN PULMONARY MEDICINE		
11:50 AM	12:30 PM	Panel Session <i>Jason Christie, MD, MSCE; University of Pennsylvania Meredith McCormack, MD, MHA; Johns Hopkins University Eric Schmidt, MD; Harvard Medical School</i>
12:30 PM	1:25 PM	Lunch (BUFFET PROVIDED, GOLD ROOM, SECOND FLOOR)
1:00 PM	1:35 PM	Poster Session (BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR)
SESSION 6: THE COPD COMPLEXITY PUZZLE		
<i>Session Chairs: Anat Kohn, MD, PhD; University of Pittsburgh George Washko, MD; Harvard Medical School</i>		
1:35 PM	1:40 PM	Session Chair Introduction

1:40 PM	2:00 PM	Bacterial Infections in Lung Injury <i>Tomeka Suber, MD, PhD</i> <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
2:00 PM	2:20 PM	The Biology of Comorbidities within COPD <i>Jessica Bon, MD, MS</i> <i>Wake Forest University</i>
2:20 PM	2:40 PM	COPD Development and Progression: Imaging Approaches <i>Surya Bhatt, MD, DrPH</i> <i>University of Alabama</i>
2:40 PM	3:00 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Refreshment Break and Poster Viewing (BALLROOM A, FIRST FLOOR)
SESSION 7: NOVEL DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES IN COPD		
	<i>Session Chairs:</i>	<i>Frank Sciruba, MD; University of Pittsburgh</i> <i>TBD</i>
3:15 PM	3:20 PM	Session Chair Introduction
3:20 PM	3:30 PM	Transitional Care in COPD <i>Shikha Gupta, MD</i> <i>University of Pittsburgh</i>
3:30 PM	3:50 PM	New Biologics Entering COPD <i>Nick Hanania, MD, MS</i> <i>Baylor College of Medicine Houston</i>
3:50 PM	4:10 PM	Interventional Bronchoscopy: A Promise for Mechanistic Studies <i>Dirk-Jan Slebos, MD</i> <i>University of Groningen, Germany</i>
4:10 PM	4:20 PM	The Future of COPD Trials <i>Henrik Watz, MD, PhD</i> <i>University of Lübeck, Germany</i>
4:20 PM	4:40 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION
4:40 PM	4:50 PM	Abstract Recognitions
4:50 PM	5:00 PM	Summary and Final Announcements
	5:00 PM	Adjournment