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# 2026 New York State Thoracic Society Annual Conference

## March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

Class of 1962 Auditorium/Flaum Atrium  
University of Rochester Medical Center  
415 Elmwood Ave  
Rochester, NY 14642

## Registration

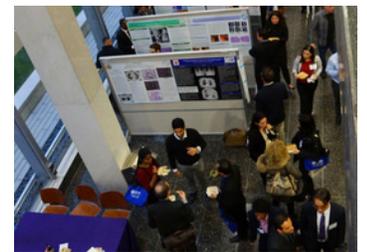
Includes 2 day conference, meals,  
& Annual Membership Dues

\$400 Physician

\$150 Non-Physician/Trainee

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## Thursday, March 26th

7:00-7:50 AM Registration/Breakfast

7:50-8:00 AM President's Welcome

8:00-8:45 AM Blood Eosinophils and FeNO for Personalized Management of Asthma  
**Simon Couillard, MD-MSc**

8:45-9:30 AM Pulmonary POCUS in Action: Case-Based Pearls & Clinical Updates  
**Lina Miyakawa, MD, FCCP**

9:30-9:45 AM Coffee Break

9:45-10:45 AM Addressing the Unmet Needs of Refractory Chronic Cough  
**Peter Dicipinigaitis, MD**

10:45-11:45 AM Immunology of Obstructive Lung Disease  
**Nicola Alexander Hanania, MD, MS**

11:45-1:00 PM Lunch / Poster Session

12:15-1:00 PM Non-CME Lecture (LeChase)

1:00-2:00 PM Towards a reversible blueprint of Early and Late Pulmonary Fibrosis (Trudeau)  
**Naftali Kaminski, MD**

2:00-2:45 PM From Clot to Recovery: Using Wearables to Understand and Improve Outcomes After Pulmonary Embolism  
**Daniel J. Lachant, DO, MSCI, ATSF**

2:45-3:30 PM Back to the Basics: What PFTs Can Teach Us  
**David A. Kaminsky, MD**

3:30-3:45 PM Coffee Break

3:45-4:45 PM Management of Pleural Disease  
**Udit Chaddha, MBBS**  
**Yifan Zheng, MD**

4:45-5:00 PM Business Meeting

5:00-5:05 PM Wrap-Up

5:05-6:00 PM Non-CME Event (LeChase)

5:05-7:00 PM Social Networking/Cocktail Hour

7:00-9:00 PM Non-CME Event (Anderson)

## Friday, March 27th

7:15-7:45 AM Registration/Breakfast

7:45-8:00 AM President's Welcome

8:00-8:45 AM Rethinking Sepsis Quality Improvement: From SEP-1 to System-Level Strategies  
**Chanu Rhee, MD, MPH, FCCM, FIDSA, FSHEA**

8:45-9:30 AM Management of RV Failure in The ICU  
**Christopher Mullin, MD, MHS**

9:30-10:00 AM Break (view posters)

10:00-10:45 AM Optimizing Antimicrobial and Vasopressor Therapy in Refractory Septic Shock  
**Mona K. Patel, PharmD, FCCM, BCCCP**

10:45-11:45 AM Conundrums from The Fellows Case Files

11:45-2:00 PM Lunch / Poster Session

12:15-1:00 PM Non-CME Ion Lecture (LeChase)

1:30-2:00 PM Advocacy Committee Meeting

2:00-3:00 PM Stroke Essentials for the ICU Physician  
**Curtis G. Benesch, MD, MPH**  
**Matthew T. Bender, MD**  
**Debra Roberts, MD, PhD**

3:00-3:45 PM Management of Opioid Dependence in the Critical Care Setting  
**Nicholas Nacca, MD, FAACT, FACMT**

3:45-4:30 PM Disorders of Consciousness  
**Jan Claassen, MD, FNCS**

4:30-4:45 PM Closing Remarks

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The American Thoracic Society designates this **live activity** for a maximum of **12.5** AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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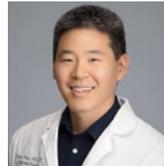
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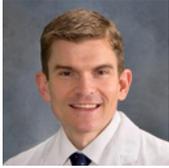
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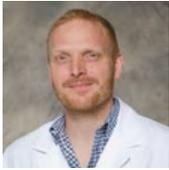
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