



2025 North Carolina Thoracic Society Annual Educational Conference

Friday April 25, 2025 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday April 26, 2025 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Charlotte Motor Speedway



This is the ninth annual educational conference by the North Carolina Thoracic Society. This conference involves numerous (non-CME) activities Friday at the Speedway Club including a reception, food, posters, exhibits and 2 workshops on pleural diseases. On Saturday (CME), we have a number of lectures that address the major causes of respiratory mortality in the state, presentations on managing challenging diseases as NTM and pleural fistulas, followed by an update on NC pulmonary fellowship programs and then talks by each program's fellows. We provide high quality educational programs that benefit lung health professionals, their patients, research and public health efforts. Importantly, we serve as a society that provides a mechanism for lung health professionals to meet, learn, and collaborate with their peers in North Carolina. We are seeking to build the North Carolina pulmonary and respiratory community.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Healthcare providers including physicians (pulmonologists, primary care), mid-level practitioners (NP, PA), nurses, pharmacists, respiratory therapists, population health and public health practitioners.

ATTENDEES DO NOT HAVE TO BE MEMBERS OF NCTS

ATTENDANCE OPTIONS

In-person only

REGISTRATION AND FEES

\$50 for all healthcare providers

Eventbrite Registration link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/north-carolina-thoracic-society-2025-educational-conference-tickets-1237460982109?aff=ebdsshcopyurl&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=organizer-profile&utm-share-source=organizer-profile>

Free for learners and retirees (email Roy at ncthoracicsociety@gmail.com to register)

Includes administrative costs, food and refreshment both days, no fees for parking

CANCELLATION POLICY

Refunds will be provided if submitted 2 weeks in advance.

EVENT CONTACTS

For registration or program questions, contact Ross Davidson, MD (President and Program Chair) or Roy A. Pleasants, PharmD at ncthoracicsociety@gmail.com.

POLICY ON FACULTY AND SPONSOR DISCLOSURE

Faculty will disclose potential conflicts. This conference is supported by exhibits and sponsorships from pharmaceutical companies and clinical organizations.

Accreditation & CME Information: Novant Health is the continuing medical education provider for this activity.

Accreditation Statement: Novant Health is accredited by the Southern States CME Collaborative (SSCC) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. **Credit Designation Statement:** This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Southern States CME Collaborative (SSCC) through the joint providership of Novant Health and the North Carolina Thoracic Society. Novant Health is accredited by SSCC to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Novant Health has designated this live activity for a maximum of **4.50 AMA PRA Category I Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of participation in the activity. **Policy on Faculty and Sponsor Disclosure:** Novant Health adheres to SSCC Standards regarding industry support of continuing medical education. Disclosure of faculty and commercial support relationships, if any, will be made known at the activity. **Nurses:** The North Carolina Board of Nursing (NCBON) will accept CMEs that are issued to nurses to meet the Continuing Competence requirements, if audited, the nurse would need to show a copy of certification showing the CME and hours issued. The nurse does not need to get prior approval to take CMEs. **Respiratory Therapists:** **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit** is valid for respiratory therapists in NC. **(CME ONLY FOR SATURDAY ACTIVITIES)**

Friday (No CME Provided)**5:30-8:30 PM**

NCTS Business mtg	5:00-6:00
Fellowship Directors mtg	5:30-6:30
Reception/Exhibits	5:30-8:30
Poster viewing session	6:00-7:00
Clinical Services Corner (Stephen Tilley, MD – Digital Inhalers)	6:00-7:00
Meet a Community Pulmonologist (Kenny Nall, MD Washington NC)	6:00-7:00
Exhibits	5:30-8:30
Wrksp 1(Pleural Dis – Jaspal Singh, MD, Max Diddams, MD, Atrium)	7:00-7:45
Wrksp 2 (Chest CT in Pleural dis (Fenner Griffin, MD, UNC-CH)	7:45 -8:30

Saturday (CME provided)**8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Regis	7:00- 8:00
Introduction (Ross Hoffman, MD President NCTS, Asheville Pulmonary)	8:00 -8:15
Lung Cancer Screening (Jaspal Singh, MD; Brad Icard, DO)	8:15-9:00
Biologics in COPD: Panacea or Precision medicine (Brad Drummond,MD)	9:00 -9:35
Lung Health Disparities in NC (Veeranna Maddipati, MD)	9:35-10:10
Break	10:10-10:45
Nuts and Bolts of Non-tuberculous Mycobacterial Infections (Kenneth Olivier, MD)	10:45-11:20
Bronchopleural Fistulas: What to Do when they Keep Blowing (Scott Shofer, MD, PhD)	11:20-11:50
Lunch	11:50-12:30
Pulmonary Fellowship Training and Distribution in NC (Matt Miles, MD)	12:30-1:00
Fellow case presentation - Alexa Zajeka, MD	1:00-1:15
Fellow case presentation - Kristen Corey, MD	1:15-1:30
Fellow case presentation – Kristin Sheehan, MD	1:30-1:45
Fellow case presentation – Jason Holbrook, MD	1:45-2:00

FACULTY (General Session)

Kristen Corey, MD – Fellow, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Medicine, Duke University

M. Bradley Drummond, MD, MHS - Professor, Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

W. Fenner Griffin, MD – Assistant Professor, Dept of Radiology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Jason Holbrook, MD – Fellow, Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bradley Icard, DO – Pinehurst Medical Clinic and FirstHealth, Medical Director for Lung Cancer Screening and LungBus Program at the Chest Center of the Carolinas

Veeranna Maddipati, MBBS, MD – Associate Professor, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, East Carolina University (Vice-President NCTS)

Matthew Miles, MD Associate Professor, Section of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Immunologic Diseases, Wake Forest University

Kenneth Olivier, MD Professor, Director, UNC Bronchiectasis/NTM Care and Research Center, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Kristin Sheehan, MD – Fellow, Section of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Immunologic Diseases, Wake Forest University

Scott Shofer, MD – Associate Professor, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Medicine, Duke University

Jaspal Singh, MD, MHS, Clinical Professor, Medical Director for Critical Care Practice and Education, Atrium Health and Carolinas Medical Center

Alexa Zajecka, MD – Fellow, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, East Carolina University

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ross Hoffman, MD - Asheville Pulmonary (Program Chair, President, NCTS)

Roy Pleasants, PharmD - Executive Director, NCTS

Jason Thomason, MD Salem Chest, Past President, NCTS