

**2025 North Carolina Thoracic Society
Biennial Interstitial Lung Diseases Conference
Friday November 7, 2025 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Saturday November 8, 2025 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
O. Henry Hotel, Greensboro**



This is the second specialty educational conference on ILDs by the North Carolina Thoracic Society. This meeting is a collaboration with the Cone LeBauer Health Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Center, is hosted by Murali Ramaswamy, MD and Praveen Mannam, MD, and involves five Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Centers in NC and Va. Faculty will address the spectrum of interstitial lung diseases including early treatment, mechanisms of disease, therapies, exacerbations, ILD mortality in NC, and a particular emphasis on autoimmune ILDs. 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, rheumatologists), 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/ncts-biennial-ild-specialty-conference-tickets-1407530013159>

Free for learners and retirees (email 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 Veeranna Maddiapti, 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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

No continuing education credits are available for this conference.

Agenda

November 7, 8 2025

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| Registration | 7:00- 8:00 |
| Intro (V. Maddipati) | 8:00 -8:10 |
| Cone LeBauer Health Administration | 8:10 - 8:20 |
| Early Diagnosis and Early Treatment of Pulmonary Fibrosis (M. Hunninghake) | 8:20 – 9:05 |
| New Insights into the Pathogenesis of IPF (A. Perelas) | 9:05 - 9:35 |
| New and Upcoming Therapies for ILD (A. Swaminathan) | 9:35 -10:05 |
| Panel Discussion | 10:05 –10:25 |
| Break | 10:25 -10:55 |
| ILD Mortality in NC (L. Cate) | 10:55 -11:25 |
| Multi-D Rheumatology/Pulmonary ILD Clinic (T. Paul, J. Yun) | 11:25 -12:00 |
| Lunch | 12:00 -12:45 |
| A Critical Review of Updated Guidelines in the Diagnosis and Management of SARD- ILD (B. Kinder) | 12:45 – 1:20 |
| Fellow case presentation UNC (T. Swanson) | 1:20 -1:35 |
| Fellow case presentation Duke (N. Ashcherkin) | 1:35- 1:50 |
| Fellow case presentation VCU (J. Mullholand) | 1:50- 2:05 |

Program Committee

**Veeranna Maddipati, MBBS, MD - Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep
Medicine, East Carolina University (Program Chair and President NCTS 2025-2026)**

Ross Hoffman, MD - Asheville Pulmonary (President NCTS 2024-2025)

**Murali Ramaswamy, MD - Cone LeBauer Health, Pulmonary and Critical Care, Director
- Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Center (Host and Moderator)**

**Praveen Mannam, MD- Cone LeBauer Health, Pulmonary and Critical Care, Associate
Director - Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation Center (Co-Host)**

Roy Pleasants, PharmD - Executive Director North Carolina Thoracic Society

Faculty

Nikita Ashcherkin, MD - Fellow, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine, Duke University

Sean Callahan, MD - Associate Professor, Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine, UNC Chapel Hill

E. Lawson Cate, MD – Fellow, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, East Carolina University

Gary Hunninghake, MD, MPH – (Keynote Speaker) Associate Professor, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Director of Sarcoidosis and Granulomatous Service, Harvard Medical School (Director – Interstitial Lung Disease Program)

Brent Kinder, MD - Associate Professor, Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine, UNC Chapel Hill (Co-Director, UNC CH PFF Center)

Jon Mullholand, MD - Fellow, Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University

Tessy Paul, MD – Associate Professor, Clinical Director, Interstitial Lung Disease Program, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, University of Virginia

Apostolos Perelas, MD – Associate Professor, Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University (Director, VCU PFF Center)

Alyssa Soskis, MD- Assistant Professor, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine Duke University

Aparna Swaninathan, MD – Assistant Professor, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine, Duke University

Terra Swanson, MD - Fellow, Division of Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care Medicine, UNC Chapel Hill

Jae H. Yun, MD - Assistant Professor, Div of Rheumatology, University of Virginia