

A Closer Look at the Pulmonary PRN

The Pulmonary Practice and Research Network (PRN) was founded as ACCP's 26th PRN in 2017. The PRN's mission is to improve the health of patients affected by pulmonary diseases by fostering practice innovation, supporting outcomes and translational research, and providing high-quality education to patients and practitioners. The PRN's vision is to be the society-based organization for advancing pulmonary pharmacy practice, research, and education through collaboration, innovation, and leadership to optimize patient quality and quantity of life. The PRN's interest areas include, but are not limited to, asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, bronchiectasis, interstitial lung diseases, collagen vascular lung diseases, cystic fibrosis, obliterative bronchiolitis, pulmonary alveolar proteinosis, acute lung injury and acute respiratory distress syndrome, pulmonary hypertension, advanced lung failure and lung transplantation, lung cancer, tobacco dependence and infections of the lung, mechanical ventilation, and extracorporeal membranous oxygenation. The PRN's main goal is to provide a forum for like-minded practitioners to collaborate in patient care, education, and scholarly activities germane to their interests. All of the PRN's activities are focused on achieving this goal. The PRN fosters multicenter prospective and retrospective research projects to advance the field.

The Pulmonary PRN welcomes student, resident, and fellow involvement in a variety of capacities, including through the committee structure. Residents and fellows are permitted to sit on any of the PRN subcommittees, which include:

- Workforce and Strategic Priorities Committee
- Awards and Nominations Committee
- Education, Programming, and Communications Committee
- Research Committee
- New Practitioner Council

The Pulmonary PRN will focus on engaging new members during 2018–2019, specifically expanding the roles of the subcommittees and their respective charges. The PRN intends to begin engaging members in the full complement of PRN activities, including, but not limited to, webinars, newsletters, internal awards, collaboration with other societies, multicenter research efforts, seed grants, travel grants, FIT and MeRIT scholarships, mentorship programs, white papers, trainee program development, workforce development, and various toolkit developments.