President’s Message

After a CTS membership vote, it is my pleasure to introduce Vipul Jain from UCSF Fresno as the new Treasurer of CTS. Vipul is a wonderful clinician and educator, and I could not be happier that he is joining CTS leadership. Vipul rounds out the CTS Executive Committee, which also includes myself, Chris Garvey, Past-President, Lorriana Leard, President-Elect, and Laren Tan, Secretary. I am thrilled to be working with such talented, dedicated people.

I am also happy to announce that the CTS Multidisciplinary Committee, led by George Su and Bill Stringer, and CTS Education Committee, led by Shazia Jamil, are hard at work on planning the next CTS Southern California Educational Conference which will be held this fall. Please be on the lookout for a “Save the Date” mailer with more information coming soon!

Finally, what we at CTS are most proud of are the California Lung Health Professionals who dedicate their lives to helping their patients with lung disease live better lives. Three such individuals have received well-deserved accolades that we are proud to announce. Courtney Broaddus from UCSF will be awarded the 2018 Elizabeth Rich Award at the ATS International Conference. Joseph Lynch from UCLA will be awarded the California Thoracic Society Outstanding Clinician Award, also at the ATS International Conference. Finally, our very own George Chaux, Past-President of CTS, will be an honoree at the American Lung Association’s Lung Force Gala in LA. Read on for more details and please join me in congratulating Drs. Broaddus, Lynch and Chaux!

Philippe Montgrain, MD
President, California Thoracic Society

Please join your CTS colleagues for an informal gathering at ATS on Monday, May 21, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Clinicians Center – San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion. This is an opportunity to congratulate Joe Lynch, MD as California Outstanding Clinician of the Year and meet your fellow CTS members. See you there!
Editor's Note

CTS will be having an informal Meet and Greet at the Outstanding Clinician Award reception on Monday May 21 where we will be honoring Dr. Joseph Lynch along with the other state and the national Outstanding Clinician awardees. This is a great chance to meet Philippe Montgrain, CTS President, Lorri Leard, President-elect as well as other CTS leaders and members.

As your local ATS chapter, CTS takes the concept of community and makes it real. We provide a way for you to connect with a wide network of colleagues outside of your home institution and a chance to make the kind of invigorating relationships needed to stay personally and professionally vital.

Speaking of wellness.....ATS officially launched its Well-Being Collaborative this month.

Restoring Joy in Health Care: Well-Being/Burnout-Related Programming at ATS 2018
https://tinyurl.com/y8522v8b

Save the dates: International Conference, San Diego, CA

Sat., May 19, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tenth Annual ATS Foundation Benefit Dinner
Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, Seaport Ballroom

Sun., May 20, 2:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Great Cases Symposium at International Conference
Organized by CCR: SESSION A83: GREAT CASES: CLINICAL, RADIOLOGIC AND PATHOLOGIC CORRELATIONS BY MASTER CLINICIANS.
Come yourself, recommend to your fellows!

Mon., May 21, 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Outstanding Clinician Award Reception
Clinicians Center – San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion

Tues., May 22, 11:45 am – 1:15 pm
OCA Ceremony (during Plenary Session)
San Diego Convention Center, Room 6 A (Upper Level)

Dr. Courtney Broaddus
2018 ATS Elizabeth Rich Award (adapted from her nomination letter)

Dr. Broaddus has been an unassailable model of integrity and excellence who has helped pave the paths of generations of women who have trained at UCSF. Currently Chief of the San Francisco General Hospital Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, she is an internationally renowned expert in pleural disease and mesothelioma. UCSF has a long history of distinguished involvement with ATS, a tradition that Courtney has embraced with passion and dedication. She has consistently supported the mission of ATS,
and been active in all aspects of ATS, including the ATS Foundation, ATS committees, RCMB Assembly and Thoracic Oncology Assembly. Since 1988 when she served on the Research Fellowship Review Committee, to 1994 when she was on the Women’s Affairs Committee to her many years of service as chair of several RCMB committees, as well as participating on the Program Committee for the new Assembly on Thoracic Oncology, Courtney has always given generously to her profession. Of course, there is her stewardship of one of the premier pulmonary medicine textbooks, Murray and Nadel, for which she has been Principal Editor since 2005 and Editor-in-Chief since 2011.

Her warmth, humor and grace enrich the professional and personal lives of her trainees and colleagues. She is generous and forward thinking. As Dr. Lekshmi Santhosh writes: “[Dr. Broaddus] ‘took a chance’ in advocating for me to pursue fellowship at UCSF despite my "non-traditional" interests in medical education. She showed me and taught me how to win over the hearts and minds of basic scientists and clinical scientists alike while pursuing my passions in this area. She encouraged me to pursue medical education with the same rigor as a clinical research or basic research fellow and held me to the same high standards.”

Mentors and leaders are not just the people with titles. They are the women and men in your life whose habits and traits you aspire to as you mold your professional self. Gradually, over the years, consciously and unconsciously, there is a culture of behavior, of doing, of being that you assimilate as you progress in your career. Many words come to mind when I think of Courtney Broaddus and what I have learned from her. Like Elizabeth Rich, she is not just amazingly smart but also Brave, Resilient. Tactful. Determined. Curious. Dedicated with an uncompromising devotion to excellence that is not elitist but comes from seeking truth and wanting the best not just for herself, but for her profession and colleagues.

**Dr. Joseph Lynch**

*2018 California Thoracic Society Outstanding Clinician of the Year (excerpted from his nomination letter, by Dr. Tisha Wang)*

Dr. Lynch has been the consummate pulmonary physician during a career that has spanned more than 40 years. During his time at the University of Michigan and then at UCLA, Joe has helped countless number of patients, many of whom were referred to him as refractory or untreatable cases. In providing the very best of patient-centered care, Joe has been a role model, mentor, and teacher to pulmonary trainees and junior faculty. His extraordinary dedication to his patients, steadfast commitment to incorporating state-of-the art clinical care, and deep-rooted compassion are qualities which we believe make Joe most deserving of this important award.

Over the years, Joe has built a career and developed clinical expertise in a number of areas, including lung transplantation and interstitial lung diseases with a focus on idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, sarcoidosis, and lymphangioleiomyomatosis. Despite the fact that he has published hundreds of peer-reviewed manuscripts in many areas of clinical medicine and trained hundreds of physicians during his career, to this day you are still most likely to find Joe in a patient room in clinic, connecting with and caring for his patients. One of the
lessons that he continues to impress onto his trainees is the importance of always learning one or two unique things about a patient, remembering these things, and using them to connect with each and every patient in a very genuine way. He regularly gets to really know his patients’ families because as any good clinician knows, no patient is treated in a vacuum; rather, their perceptions of illness and adherence to treatment is governed by their families’ input and support. None of his patients are simply a "sarcoidosis case," or "another transplant patient;" instead, they are a 53 year-old single mother who put her sons through college working 2 jobs as a janitor and now has pulmonary fibrosis, or a former firefighter who needs a transplant because his wife of 40 years passionately loved parakeets, and he couldn't bear to see her lose her beloved parakeets after all she had already been through surviving refugee camps. Remarkably, he spends all of his patient encounter time in the room rather than charting on the computer, a trait that is rarely seen nowadays in clinical medicine. Patients wait months to see him in the clinic - and yet, you never see a patient complain about the times when he is running late because they know that when it is their turn, he will take the time to really listen, answer all of their questions, and thoroughly address their needs.

In summary, Joe Lynch is the academic clinician that we all aspire to be. He has been tireless in his efforts to provide consistently outstanding patient-centered care. He has taken clinical care to the next level and impacted a generation of clinicians who will all continue to practice in a way that was inspired to some extent by Joe. This level of dedication and passion for clinical medicine is simply unparalleled.

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