



# 2026 California Thoracic Society Annual Educational Conference & Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Symposium

Thursday March 12, 2026-Sunday March 15, 2026

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Thursday March 12, 2026 (6 CME/CEU/MOC Credits)

COPD Symposium

Friday March 13, 2026 (6.5 CME/CEU/MOC Credits):

Advances in Interventional Pulmonary, Remote Monitoring in Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine,  
Approach to Symptom Management in Chronic Lung Disease and Critical Care

Saturday March 14, 2026 (6.5 CME/CEU/MOC Credits)

Sepsis and Shock, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation, Inpatient Pulmonary  
Complications of Cancer Care

Sunday March 15, 2026

Fellow and Resident Track Symposium



# Friday March 13, 2026

## Advances in Interventional Pulmonary

8:00 am – 8:10 am: Welcome and Introduction

8:10 am – 8:55 am: Keynote Address – Evolution of Bronchoscopy in Diagnosing Lung Nodules

- **Christine Argento, MD (Johns Hopkins)** - This speaker will discuss the recent advances in bronchoscopy from radial EBUS, to electromagnetic navigation, to robot technologies, and how advancement has improved lung nodule diagnosis.

8:55 am – 9:20 am: Implications of the new TNM9 staging for lung cancer

- **Colleen Channick, MD (UC Los Angeles)** - This speaker will discuss the new TNM staging system, how staging is currently performed, and how to approach staging in the patient with suspected lung cancer.

9:20 am – 9:45 am: Management of Central Airway Obstruction

- **Raed Alalawi, MD (Arizona-Phoenix)** - This speaker will discuss how interventional pulmonary practitioners can manage and treat central airway obstruction.

9:45 am – 10:10 am: The Changing Landscape of Pleural Disease Management

- **Joon Chang, MD (Stanford)** - This speaker will discuss advances in management of pleural disease by the interventional pulmonologist including when to use an intrapleural catheter, and when to use

10:10 am – 10:20 am: Question and Answer

10:20 am – 10:50 am: Break

## Remote Monitoring in Lung Disease and Sleep Medicine

10:50 am – 11:15 am: Developing a home spirometry program

- **Steven Hays, MD (UC San Francisco)** - This speaker will discuss how to approach the development of a home spirometry program to monitor lung disease, how to use digital health technologies to integrate results into the EHR.

11:15 am – 11:40 am: Home Non-Invasive Ventilator Monitoring

- **Christal Hawkins, RRT (UC San Diego)** - This speaker will review how to monitor home non-invasive ventilators for compliance and for adequate control of sleep disordered breathing.

11:40 am – 11:55 am: Pro: Virtual Pulmonary Rehabilitation is Ready for Prime Time

- **Aimee Kizziar, RRT (UC Davis)** - This speaker will argue in favor of virtual pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

11:55 am – 12:10 pm: Con: Virtual Pulmonary Rehabilitation is not ready for Prime Time

- **Julia Rigler, BA, RRT (UC San Francisco)** - This speaker will argue against virtual pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

12:10 pm – 12:20 pm: Question and Answer

12:20 pm – 1:00 pm: Awards Ceremony

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch

## Hands On Session:

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: **Robotic Bronchoscopy** Raed Alalawi, MD (Arizona-Phoenix) & Joon Chang, MD (Stanford) **Cough Monitoring** Lauren Eggert, MD (UCSF); **Endobronchial Ultrasound** Pranjal Patel, MD (Stanford); **Home NIV** Krystle Leung, MD (Stanford)

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm: Break

## Approach to Symptom Management in the Pulmonary Patient

3:20 pm – 3:45 pm: Addressing the Unmet Needs of Refractory Chronic Cough

- **Krishna Sundar, MD FCCP FAASM ATSF (UC Davis)** - This speaker will discuss the etiology behind refractory chronic cough and the treatment approaches for management

3:45 pm – 4:10 pm: Frailty in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

- **Jonathan Singer, MD MPH (UC San Francisco)** - This speaker will discuss the concept of frailty and how it impacts health in patients with lung disease. The speaker will also discuss how frailty can change as lung disease is treated.

4:10 pm – 4:35 pm: Palliative Care for the Patient with Chronic Lung Disease

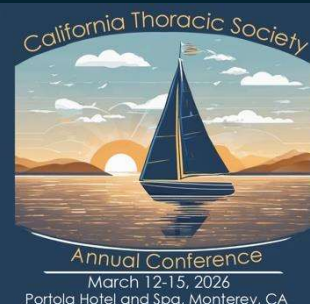
- **Grace Amadi, MD (UC Davis)** - This speaker will discuss how palliative care teams can benefit patients with chronic various lung disease including ILD, COPD, and pulmonary hypertension.

4:35 pm – 5:00 pm: Palliative Care for the Patient with Critical Illness

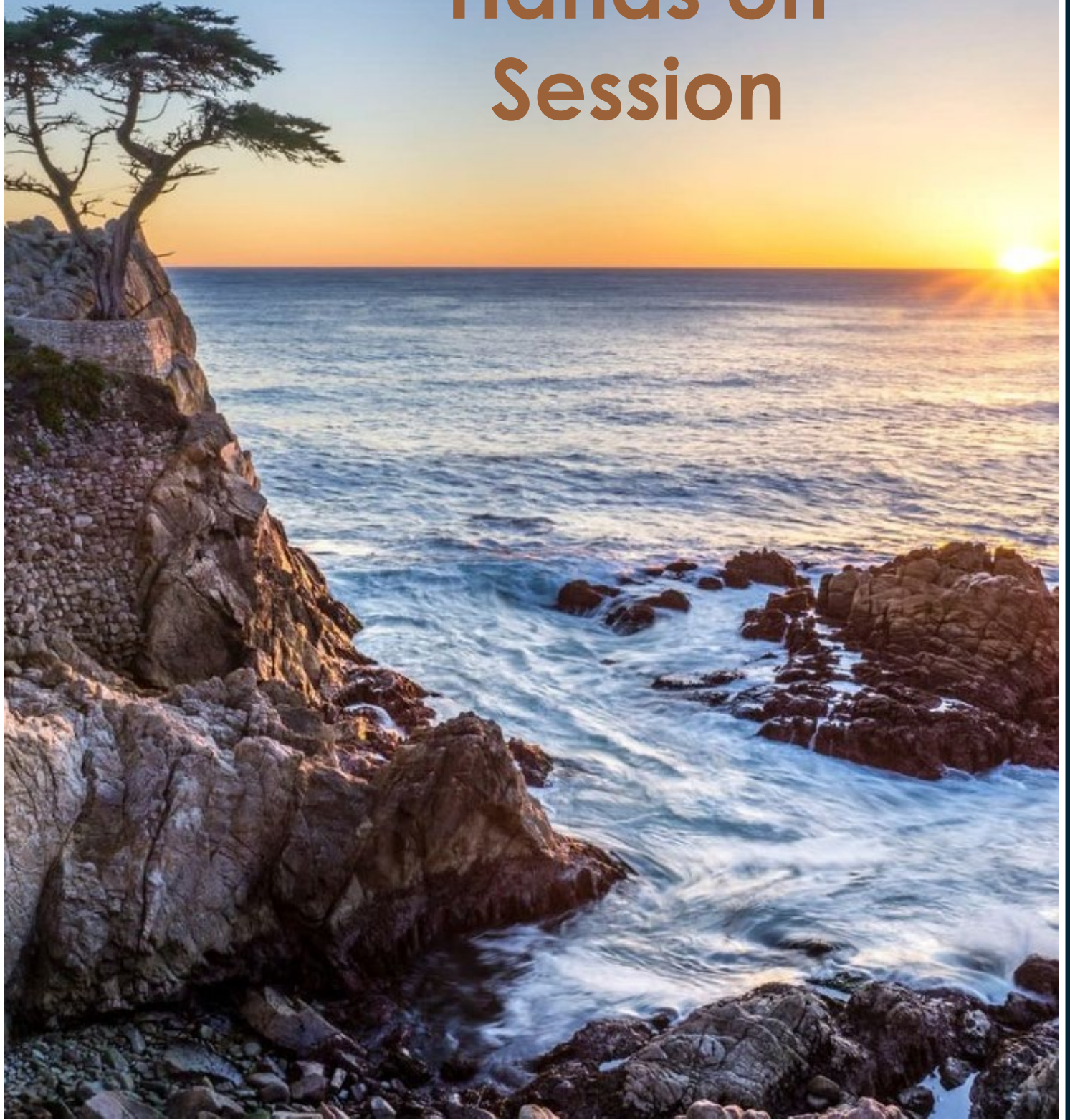
- **B. Corbett Walsh, MD, MBE (UC Los Angeles)** - This speaker will discuss how palliative care teams can benefit the inpatient with advancing lung disease, the importance of advance care planning, and palliative care in the intensive care unit.

5:00 pm – 5:10 pm: Question and Answer

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm: Women in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine (NON-CME) – Food and beverages will be served



# Hands on Session



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Raed Alalawi, MD, FCCP is professor of medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix. He serves as the pulmonary and critical care fellowship program director. He is the director of bronchoscopy at Banner University Medical Center Phoenix. He is interested in medical education and procedural training. Areas of research include bronchoscopic therapies for advanced COPD, management of sequela of cocci, and advanced diagnostic methods for lung nodules including tumor markers.



Dr. Joon Chang received his medical degree from UCLA David Geffen school of medicine. He did her post-graduate medicine residency at NYU and pulmonary and critical care fellowship at Stanford. He completed his interventional pulmonology fellowship at the Hospital of University of Pennsylvania in 2022. Currently, he serves as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Stanford and a member of interventional pulmonology group at Stanford.



Dr, Krystle Leung received her undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University. She completed residency in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, followed by pulmonary & critical care and sleep fellowships at Stanford. She currently serves as an Assistant Clinical Professor at Stanford and focuses her clinical practice on critical care, respiratory sleep disorders, and chronic respiratory failure requiring home ventilation.



Dr. Lauren E. Eggert, MD is a board-certified, fellowship-trained pulmonologist and associate professor in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy and Sleep Medicine at UCSF. She specializes in airway diseases, including asthma and COPD, with a special interest in environmental health and sustainability. In addition to seeing patients, she is very involved in the teaching of medical trainees, clinical research, and in various professional societies including the California Thoracic Society, American Thoracic Society, and the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology.



Dr. Pranjal Patel is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Interventional Pulmonology (IP) at Stanford University, and core faculty of their IP Fellowship: one of the nation's leading and highest-volume programs. He specializes in diagnosing and managing complex pulmonary conditions using advanced interventional techniques. His research focuses on enhancing lung nodule diagnostics through innovative technologies.

Passionate about medical education, he also serves on the Education Committee of the American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology, where he leads several projects. He is also the co-director for Stanford's annual local CBCT and Advanced Imaging in Bronchoscopy Course, and Stanford's International CBCT training Course in Shanghai, China.