

Fostering Excellence: NMCS D's Proud Legacy

Welcome to the 5th edition of the Balboa Beacon. If you will be in San Francisco for ATS, please come support the department's fellows & staff and also join us for an informal gathering scheduled on **5/19/2025: The Westin St. Francis 5:30pm in the new Club Lounge-will be hosted.**
For details, please contact Konrad Davis (cell 808-594-3936) or Scott Parrish (cell 858-603-9789)

NMCS D Pulmonary and Critical Care Division

ATS 2025 Abstract Presentations

The Lobe Less Traveled: An Adult's Unexpected Journey with Congenital Lobar Emphysema.

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Thematic Poster Session Monday May 19, 2025 09:15AM-4:15PM Area B, Hall F (North Building, Exhibition Level)

Elevated Carcinoembryonic Antigen and Eosinophilia: An Unclear Relationship in a Patient With Allergic Bronchopulmonary Aspergillosis

Gracie Hannigan, DO, Joseph Boone, DO, John Parrish, MD

Monday May 19th, 11:30-13:15, Hall F

Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Induced-Encephalitis: Hu done It?

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Time: Monday 19 May 2025; 1415 – 1615 B103 Poster #912 Room 3009/3011 (West Building, Level 3) Moscone Center

What's Eating At Your Chest? A Case of Coccidiomycosis Empyema Necessitans

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Thematic Poster Session Tuesday May 20, 2025. P#1614 Poster presentation time: 11:30am -1:15pm. Area M, Hall F (North Building, Exhibition Level)

An Unusual Case of Spanish Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency

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Tuesday 20May 1130-1315 at spot P1484 in Area L, Hall F

When EGPA Goes Large: A Rare Presentation of EGPA with Isolated Aortitis

Stephanie Jahnz, MD; Daniel A. LaMorte, MD; Tony Han, MD

Presentation date: Tuesday, May 20, 2025 11:30-13:15 Poster Board #P1220, Area K, Hall F

Vanishing Effusions: A Case of Rapidly Resolved Pleural Effusion in a Patient with Metastatic Gastric Adenocarcinoma

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May 20, 11:30a-1:15p P#1328, Area K, Hall F

Balboa News

After a three-year stint as Program Director, CAPT Russel Miller will be stepping down in June and will be replaced by CDR Jeff Biberston. Russ has done an awesome job and will remain a key faculty member for our fellowship during the next two years. Our civilian faculty (comprised of alumni from our fellowship program) have continued to contribute greatly to training our fellows. Our current civilian staffing include NMCS D alumni: Scott Parrish '96, John Perri '98, Tony Han '02, Frank Grassi '06, and our newest addition Christopher Stafford '04. All are actively involved in the training of our fellows and house-staff. With the selection of two new physicians to start training in July 2025, our three-year program remains stable with 6 fellows. The fellows continue to utilize UCSD, Scripps, LDS, National Jewish, and Lake Arrowhead for clinical rotations. TAD funds are extremely limited, but fortunately the PCCMRE Foundation is able to support our fellows' attendance at several critical courses (Mech Ventilation course and the Lung Pathology course). Despite busy duties, our fellows will set a program record with SEVEN posters accepted for presentation at the May ATS meeting in San Francisco (as listed above). If you are in attendance please stop by one of the posters to offer support and swap a few sea stories.

Current TDY for educational activities have been placed on hold across the DoD. Due to this, only one fellow has received authorization for TDY and will be representing all of the accepted posters submitted by the department. The foundation is honored to fund travel costs for this fellow to attend ATS 2025. The PCCM foundation support for the NMCS D fellowship is now more vital than ever.

Submitted by: JS Parrish



Alumni Updates from Denny & Friends

Denny and Stephanie with the Baez's



Bob Sarlin and wife Marilyn have set up residence in Wilmington North Carolina. They are enjoying retirement and the beautiful Carolina countryside.

Scott and Pam Sageman reside in Hawaii where he has limited his practice to one week a month virtually covering an ICU in Texas. They make frequent trips to the LA area to see their daughter who is an animator for the 'AVATAR' productions.

Peter Bagley is ensconced in the great state of Maine (brrrrrrrr) and takes a week a month working in a local ICU while enjoying the 4 seasons (what are they?). Son, Patrick, is finishing a Pulmonary/CCM Fellowship at UMASS. Peter hopes to connect with other alumni at the next CHEST or ATS meeting.

Dean Gubler, one of our program's senior surgical critical care leaders, retired and is the program director of Military Medicine at the Rocky Vista Osteopathic Medical School with campuses in Utah, Colorado and Montana. Barb and Dean live in St George and maintain an active life style in the mountains of southern Utah. His "Cut Suit" trauma symposiums are top notch and widely attended nationally.

Lin Weaver: Kids are grown, Nicholas is a professional dancer in Germany, and Anika helping out in a small, high end bridal gown alteration shop, and really liking that.



Rich Mahon recently celebrated his daughter, Jasey's wedding last October. Rich keeps busy doing an outpatient clinic 3 days a week, as well as continuing and actively pursuing his diving and altitude research interests.





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Samy El Halawani: I've been in St. Paul Minnesota doing pulmonary critical care since I left the Navy in 2005. A lot of my work is focused on pulmonary hypertension. My clinic was accredited by the PHA in December 2023. It is one of three accredited centers in the state of Minnesota, including Mayo Clinic and the University of MN. I also continue to be involved in the care of interstitial lung diseases and bronchiectasis/MAI. I have 4 great kids. My oldest is attending medical school at the University of Rochester. My free time is spent in Cabo San Lucas. (WHAT FREE



We look forward to receiving any alumni news items, photos, tall tales and/or any gouge for future Balboa Beacons at: deamundson@gmail.com.

We hope that you will consider a contribution to help support the next generation of Navy PCCM fellows and staff. Donations to the tax deductible 501.(c)(3) foundation can be sent to: **PO Box 34487, San Diego, California, 92163** or via e-pay: <https://pay.pccmfoundation.com> The PCCM Foundation is a 501.(c)(3) registered non-profit organization that was established in 2015 with the stated mission goal of providing support for trainees to acquire the necessary skills to excel in the practice of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine anywhere, anytime, under any conditions. PCCM Foundation grants have supported advanced mechanical ventilation training, a comprehensive ultrasound course, meeting travel for presentaitons, and development of the NMCSO ICU Handbook. The foundation's current and future success is dependent upon the contributions of program alumni, industry donations, and course fees collected by our teaching faculty.

NMCSO PCCM Fellowship Graduates

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| 1. Joseph D Bloom* | 16. Richard Pesce | 32. Allen Roberts |
| 2. John Joseph Bouvier* | 17. Tony Warren | 33. Richard Summa |
| 3. George Henry Barbier | 18. Daniel Nader | 34. Nathan Mull |
| 4. Robert Bondurant | 19. Leslie Smith | 35. Scott Sageman |
| 5. Thomas Cassidy | 20. Stephen McAdams | 36. Bart Gumpert |
| 6. Victor Iacovoni | 21. John Newcomer | 37. David Bradshaw |
| 7. Thomas Farrell* | 22. Stephen Baez | 38. Charles Martin |
| 8. Robert S Conte* | 23. Robert Chin | 39. J. Scott Parrish |
| 9. James Boddicker | 24. John Fraley* | 40. Dom Rascona |
| 10. John Beamis | 25. Kevin Murray | 41. Joseph Mondschein |
| 11. Robert Sarlin | 26. Webster Bazemore | 42. Russell Gilbert |
| 12. Theodore Georges | 27. Frank Maguire | 43. John Perri |
| 13. Robert Calloway | 28. Peter Bagley | 44. Peter Marco |
| 14. Richard Blevins | 29. Dennis Amundson | 45. Carla Lamb |
| 15. Edward Ebert | 30. James McCarrick* | 46. Asha Vyas Devereaux |
| | 31. John Connolly | 47. Richard Mahon |



48. Christopher Lewis
49. Suzanne Timmer
50. Samuel El Halawani
51. David Murphy
52. William Gill
53. David Norton
54. Christopher Stafford
55. Matthew Boland
56. Bruce Ludwig
57. Gregory Ruff
58. Tony Han
59. Frank Grassi
60. Ken Eisenberg
61. Lisa Jones
62. Edward Pak
63. Gregory Matwiyoff
64. Michael Tripp
65. Alok Shah
66. Steven Escobar
67. Konrad Davis
68. Gilbert Seda
69. Thuy Lin
70. James Prahl
71. Jose Gomez
72. Steven Praske
73. Jonas Carmichael
74. Richard Hedelius
75. Russel Miller
76. Justin Stocks
77. Justin Reis
78. Ryan Maves
79. Michael Kavanaugh
80. Mike Powers
81. Alex Perry
82. Evan Butlin
83. Garrett Harp
84. Patricia Hogan
85. Michael Monson
86. Charles Volk
87. Patrick Moon
88. Jeff Biberston
89. Neil Partain

90. Ashley Alex
91. Paul Cusmano
92. Bobby Trentacosta
93. Brian Tran
94. Evan Ewers
95. Nick Rohrhoff
96. Steve Hughes
97. Sean Foley
98. Kimberly Boyd

Current Fellows

99. Stacy Chow
100. Daniel LaMorte
101. Derek Booth
102. Kathryn Hughes
103. Erin Hourigan
104. Joseph Boone

PCCM Faculty who graduated from other programs:

Donald Reid*
Donald C. Kent*
Richard Schillaci*
Tom Walsh
Jeff Miller
Richard Kanak
David Stroh
Steven Crawford
Lin Weaver
Lonnie Ruben
Mark Chung
Tim Quast
Jesse Sherratt
Nikunj Bhatt
Dean Gubler
James Harrell

***Deceased**

*Training records from the initial years of the fellowship program are sparse. At this point we are unsure of the exact date that the fellowship program was initiated (circa 1967) and we are unsure of the initial program graduates. If you have any insight into the initial history please reach out to **Scott Parrish**.
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