COURSE DESCRIPTION:
The 2021 WTS Chest Disease Conference and Winter Lung Day will include cutting edge sessions focused on the COVID-19 pandemic. We will review the epidemiology of this novel virus, discuss the public health response and review the newest modalities of treating this respiratory virus. We will include personal experiences of patients to provide the humanism and discuss importance of communication in this challenging setting. This meeting will increase knowledge, competence, skills, and performance in these topics through lectures by national and local experts.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
This activity is targeted to address the needs of academic and community pulmonary and intensivist physicians, respiratory therapists, nurse practitioners, and nurses.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify ways to mitigate transmission of COVID-19 in the community and hospital setting.
- Determine patient eligibility for novel COVID-19 therapies.
- Describe the current standards for ECMO in COVID-19.
- Apply best practices for performing CPR in COVID-19 positive patient.
- Describe the epidemiology of COVID-19 in the rural setting of Yakima County.

CME ACCREDITATION AND DESIGNATION:
This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of the American Thoracic Society and the Washington Thoracic Society. The American Thoracic Society is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Thoracic Society designates this internet live activity for a maximum of 6.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Videotaping, audio taping, or photographing the course is NOT permitted.
  Your cooperation is appreciated.
PLANNING COMMITTEE:
The conference planning committee included the following members:
- Martha Billings, MD – Conference Chair
- Robin Evans-Agnew, RN, PhD – WTS President
- Jeffrey Edelman, MD
- Deborah Fertakis, ARNP
- Anthony Gerbino, MD
- Katy Horan, MD
- Steve Kirtland, MD
- Lindy Klaff, MD
- Joel Ray, RRT
- Erik Swenson, MD
- Curtis Veal, MD

SPEAKER LIST:
This year’s speakers include:
- Michele P. Andrasik, PhD, Ed.M. (Fred Hutch/University of Washington)
- Teresa Everson, MD (Oregon Health & Science University)
- Carl Hinkson, MSc, RRT-ACCS, FAARC
- Nick Johnson, MD, FACEP (Harborview Medical Center/University of Washington)
- Bob Lutz, MD (Asotin County/Washington State Department of Health)
- John Lynch, MD, MPH, FIDSA (University of Washington)
- Steven H. Mitchell, MD, FACEP (Harborview Medical Center/University of Washington)
- Ryan Padgett, MD (EvergreenHealth)
- Larry Pruitt, PhD (Veterans Affairs’ Puget Sound Healthcare System/University of Washington)
- Frank Riedo, MD (EvergreenHealth)
- Anna Wald, MD, MPH (University of Washington)