

CONDUCTING TRIALS IN:

Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary
Disease (COPD)

Insomnia

Scleroderma



PATIENT DATABASE:

Are you interested in participating
in a current or future clinical trial?

If so, join our database at:

<http://www.aprnweb.com>



PHYSICIAN PARTICIPATION:

Are you interested in participating
in a current or future clinical trial?

If so, call Nicole Maslanka:

404-966-3775



**CLINICAL
RESEARCH
IN RARE
PULMONARY
DISORDERS**

**ATLANTA PULMONARY
RESEARCH NETWORK
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Who We Are

The Atlanta Pulmonary Research Network (APRN) is a group of community based pulmonologists, cardiologists, and rheumatologists, patient support organizations, and clinical research resources dedicated to conducting clinical research in rare pulmonary disorders (e.g., pulmonary hypertension, interstitial lung disease, etc.). The APRN is a privately owned corporation, the operations of which are directed from the Atlanta Institute for Medical Research, Inc.

APRN Mission Statement

The mission of the Atlanta Pulmonary Research Network (APRN) is to conduct and participate in clinical trials and research of rare pulmonary disorders. The APRN thereby fulfills a need in the community by providing opportunities for physicians and patients to have access to investigational drugs and clinical trials that otherwise might not be available to them.

We also seek to provide up-to-date information for patients to help them manage their diseases and to assist in connecting patients with support groups, expert doctors, and clinical research opportunities thus improving the care of patients with these conditions.

Founding Members

Nicole Maslanka, President

Jeffrey Michaelson, M.D., Medical Director

Steven Rosenthal, M.D., Cardiology

Gary Myerson, M.D., Rheumatology

Paul Scheinberg, M.D., Pulmonology

Referral of Patients to the APRN for Clinical Care

The APRN welcomes the opportunity to evaluate patients with Pulmonary Hypertension/ILD and provide comprehensive consultation to referring physicians. Patients may be referred for a variety of reasons, including:

- Second opinion regarding a diagnosis;
- Advice regarding further evaluation and management;
- Assumption of care; and
- Evaluation for potential participation in any of several ongoing research studies.

The founding clinicians at the APRN are experienced in the co-management of patients with referring physicians from a variety of medical specialties and geographic areas. We welcome the opportunity to have an initial comprehensive evaluation and then periodically re-evaluate the patient, but leave the day-to-day management to the referring physician. Often these re-evaluations can coincide with research visits.

Referral of Patients for Research Participation

To refer a patient for participation in a research study physicians can directly contact Nicole Maslanka at 404-966-3775. APRN researchers will then coordinate the evaluations necessary to consider the prospective patient for any available studies.

Patient Registration for Active/Potential Research Studies

The APRN is in the process of developing a patient contact registry for individuals with diseases under study. This electronic database will allow patients to be notified by the APRN for potential participation in various research projects and updates on the APRN research programs. Patients must sign-up themselves, and this is easily accomplished through the patient database application on our web site, www.aprnweb.com.

APRN Goals

- Provide a large resource pool of qualified patients for pharmaceutical companies to recruit patients for clinical trials through a single point of contact in the Atlanta area.
- Conduct clinical trials of promising new drugs for the treatment of Pulmonary Hypertension and Interstitial Lung Diseases (ILDs).
- Apply for federally funded/pharmaceutical research grants to support research and development activities of the APRN.
- Provide opportunities for community based investigators to establish research experience in the field of Pulmonary Hypertension/ILD.
- Establish a referral structure for the comprehensive diagnosis of PAH/ILD to assure proper management of patients with these conditions.
- Enroll a large group of patients with Pulmonary Hypertension/Scleroderma into observational studies through the patient registries maintained by the Canadian Heart Institute for the purpose of identifying and evaluating diagnostic and treatment practices of these conditions according to consensus standards.
- Establish a patient contact registry.
- Develop improved methods for studying PAH and ILD.
- Help other scientists do more research on Pulmonary Hypertension by providing specimens and clinical data from the APRN for analysis. (Currently working with Raymond Benza, M.D. at UAB for pharmacogenomics studies on PAH patients funded through the NIH).
- Work with Pulmonary Hypertension and Scleroderma patient support groups to help those patients who wish to be involved in research connect with those doctors conducting the research.
- Construct and maintain an electronic website resource with significant information for clinicians, researchers, and patients.