ACOCU Network: Asthma and COPD Outpatient Units (ACOCU), pioneered by Dr. Le Thi Tuyet Lan, was established in 2000 at the University Medical Center in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Today, there are 178 units in 47/63 provinces throughout the country.

Provision of Care: ACOCU offers patients chest X-Ray, spirometry, clinical examinations, telephone counselling and organizes a patient club.

Education & Knowledge Translation: Conducts training workshops to medical settlements, doctors, nurses and technicians.

Medical Supplies & Support: Distributes spirometers and electronic peak flow meters to medical settlements and provides technical support to provincial medical bases including Binh Dinh, Vung Tau, Tien Giang, and Dong Thap Province.

ACOCU Activities: Hosts annual ACOCU Network meetings and celebrations of World Asthma Day, World COPD Day and Non-Smoking Day

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WEBINAR SERIES

Game jams to co-design respiratory health games in Canada and Europe
Guest Speaker: Fabio Balli
Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018 from 12:30 - 13:30 (Eastern Time)

Fabio Balli leads impact driven projects in Canada and Europe. After ten years of interventions at the local and international scale, he co-founded Breathing Games, an open science initiative to encourage people of all ages to develop respiratory health technologies. Balli holds graduate degrees in Human Systems Engineering, Game Design, and Adult Education; his research focusing on health commons.
GARD Publications (http://gard-breathefreely.org/publications/; last 5 months, Nov 2017 to Mar 2018)
The GARD section in the Journal of Thoracic Disease (http://jtd.amegroups.com/) was created in July 2017. GARD participants are welcome to submit original research articles, reviews and/or reports featuring local GARD activities. We thank the journal editors Drs. Nanshan Zhong and Guangqiao Zeng for waiving the publication fee. Drs. Yousser Mohammad and Alvaro Cruz are the current GARD section editors.


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Upcoming Relevant Conferences & Events

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:
- 19 May - 23 May 2018 - ATS International Conference, San Diego, USA (http://ats-conference.org/)
- 26 May - 30 May 2018 - EAACI 37th Annual Congress, Munich, Germany (http://eaacicongress2018.org/)
- 31 May - 2 June 2018 - 9th IPCRG World Conference, Porto, Portugal (http://www.theipcrg.org/)
- 31 August - 1 September 2018 - The GARD General Meeting, Helsinki, Finland (program TBD)

NATIONAL CONGRESSES:
- 11 April - 15 April 2018 - TTS (Turkish Thoracic Society) 21st Annual Congress, Antalya, Turkey (http://www.toraks.org.tr)
- 31 October - 3 November 2018 - The 25th National Congress of the Romanian Society of Pneumology: The lung and the air quality: a new frontier, Poiana Brasov, Romania

EVENTS:
- 1 May 2018 - World Asthma Day
- 14 November 2018 - World COPD Day

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