

July 2013 Arizona Thoracic Society Notes

The first Arizona Thoracic Society meeting in Tucson was held on Wednesday, 7/24/2013 at Kiewit Auditorium on the University of Arizona Medical Center campus beginning at 6:30 PM. There were 36 in attendance representing the pulmonary, critical care, sleep, pathology and radiology communities. Dinner was sponsored by Accredo Health Group.

A brief discussion was held of plans to have the December 2013 meeting in Tucson on a weekend as part of the University of Arizona winter pulmonary meeting.

There were 4 cases presented:

1. Mohammad Dalabih presented a case of a 48 yo woman with respiratory failure cared for by Gordon Carr, Linda Snyder, and himself. Radiology findings were discussed by Isabel Oliva. Lung biopsy showed acute fibrinous and organizing pneumonia rather than ARDS and was presented by Richard Sobonya.
2. Franz Rischard presented a case of a 61 year old with progressive dyspnea and moderate COPD with evidence of pulmonary hypertension. Radiologic work up was presented by Dr. Oliva. It was determined the patient had primary hypertension and Dr. Rischard discussed how to separate pulmonary hypertension from COPD from primary pulmonary hypertension.
3. Nathaniel Reyes presented a 50 year old woman with a history of granulomatous polyangiitis (GPA, formerly known as Wegener's granulomatosis) who was pANCA+ but cANCA-. She developed diffuse alveolar hemorrhage. Dr. Sobonya reviewed pathology of GPA. Dr. Reyes discussed the ANCA+ vasculitides. Some rheumatologists no longer consider GPA and microscopic polyangiitis separate diseases but part of the same spectrum.
4. Gordon Carr presented a case of a 65 year old man who died of an exacerbation of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). Dr. Sobonya reviewed the autopsy and pathology findings of IPF.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 PM in Phoenix at Scottsdale Shea Hospital.

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