



The Irish Thoracic Society NI Membership Offer

The contribution of Northern Ireland members has always been of enormous value to the work and governance of the Irish Thoracic Society (ITS). As we look forward to holding key educational events in Northern Ireland in **2024** (ITS Annual Scientific Meeting) and **2025** (Joint Spring Meeting of the British Thoracic Society, Ulster Thoracic Society and ITS) we recognise the potential benefits of even greater levels of engagement across the board. Collaboration and mutual co-operation in respiratory medicine and healthcare have never been more important. In recognition of this and our strong links with both the British Thoracic Society and the Ulster Thoracic Society, the ITS is delighted to offer a 50% discount on membership rates to Northern Ireland members of one or both Societies at Ordinary and Associate level as well as discounted General Respiratory Healthcare Professional Membership.

Category	ITS Fee	Optional ERS Fee
Ordinary Membership - Consultant Respiratory Physicians, Thoracic Surgeons, Internal Medicine Physicians, Consultant Paediatricians, Consultant Radiologists, Consultant Histopathologists & General Practitioners	€90	€30
Associate Membership - Specialist Registrars/Trainee Doctors/NCHDs	€60	€30
General Respiratory Healthcare Professional Membership - Allied Healthcare Professionals specialising in or with an interest in respiratory healthcare including Nurses, Physiotherapists, Respiratory Physiologists, Scientists, Pharmacists, Nutritionists etc	€15	€30

Membership of the Irish Thoracic Society is open to all healthcare professionals involved in the care of people with chronic or acute respiratory diseases on the island of Ireland.

Benefits include:

- Free and discounted registration to educational meetings and resources including the ITS Annual Scientific Meeting; the ITS Spring Meeting; the ITS ILD Educational Meeting.
- Opportunities to apply for educational bursaries such as the ITS GSK ERS Bursary; ITS GSK BTS Bursary; ITS A Menarini ATS Bursary.
- Opportunities to apply for research funding through the ITS call under the Health Research Charities Ireland Health Research Board Joint Funding Scheme and other grants.
- Opportunities to influence education, guidelines and policy through membership of organising committees and sub-specialty committees including: ITS ILD Group; ITS Tobacco Advisory Group; ITS TB Advisory Group and others established in response to need and circumstances (such as the COVID-19 Sub-committee).
- Heavily discounted membership of the European Respiratory Society (if not already availing of this through BTS membership).
- Opportunities to be elected to the Council of the ITS and to contribute to the ongoing strategic development of the Society and to help drive the wider development of respiratory healthcare in Ireland under the Society's pillars of Education; Communications and Advocacy; Research and Membership services.