

Q2 2025 Steering Committee Meeting for
the International Cardiovascular and Respiratory Alliance



ICRA is a new global initiative designed to unite leading academics and clinicians under one unified banner, to drive advancements in the fields of cardiovascular and respiratory medicine, with an initial focus on individuals with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

ICRA held its first committee meeting as an alliance on June 26th, 2025. Over 75% of our dedicated committee members dialed in on Microsoft Teams, with representatives from 4 continents.

Attendee Name	Country	Role
❖ Chris Gale	United Kingdom	Committee Co-chair; Meeting Co-chair
❖ Mohit Bhutani	Canada	Committee Co-chair; Meeting Co-chair
❖ David Price	Singapore	Committee Member
❖ Alan Kaplan	Canada	Committee Member
❖ Daiana Stolz	Germany	Committee Member
❖ David Berg	United States	Committee Member
❖ Felicia Montero-Arias	Costa Rica	Committee Member
❖ Gary Tse	Hong Kong	Committee Member
❖ Janwillem Kocks	Netherlands	Committee Member
❖ John Hurst	United Kingdom	Committee Member
❖ Konstantinos Kostikas	Greece	Committee Member
❖ Luis Alves	Portugal	Committee Member
❖ Nathaniel Hawkins	Canada	Committee Member
❖ Naveed Sattar	United Kingdom	Committee Member
❖ Riyadh Al-Lehebi	Saudi Arabia	Committee Member
❖ Therese Lapperre	Belgium	Committee Member

In alignment with our focus, ICRA's initial aim is to optimise clinical care and improve outcomes of people living with COPD. As a kick-off call, the meeting focused on the following key discussion topics:

- 1) Reviewing our three preliminary objectives, which span three core pillars of activity, to:
 - i. Conduct original research and quality improvement initiatives in COPD
 - ii. Drive education of COPD and optimal COPD management among healthcare practitioners
 - iii. Promote advocacy for patients with COPD
- 2) Prioritising our plans and next steps for 2025 in order to meet these objectives
- 3) Raising the profile of the alliance, both through online presence and word of mouth
- 4) Expanding alliance membership across the globe and incorporating new members