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Partners Asthma Center Faculty Newsletter

Excellence in asthma care for children and adults

Update on the Partners Asthma Center Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction

Our planning proceeds for the first annual Partners Asthma Center Dinner-Dance, to be held on **Thursday, September 22, 2005** at the Marriott Hotel in Newton.

Patient Guests of Honor: Richard Wilson (sailed his catamaran solo across the Atlantic in the Transat race) and Kathryn Kalan (climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro).

Asthma Service Award Recipient: Jean Zotter, founder of the Boston Urban Asthma Coalition.

Band: Bo Whittaker **Your role:**

1) Our target is 100% participation by members of the Partners Asthma Center. We hope that you will come and bring guests. If you are unable to attend, please plan



to purchase one or more tickets and donate them to Asthma Center patients who would like to attend but can't afford the ticket price (\$150/ticket, \$275 for couple).

- 2) You can also help by making a donation to the Silent Auction. Tickets for sporting events, concerts, or theater events; vacation home weekends; and unused exercise equipment (personally speaking!) all make excellent donations.
- 3) Identify patients, friends, or relatives who may wish to attend. We anticipate mailing "Save-the-Date" postcards in March and invitations in June.



Brigham and Women's Hospital

Massachusetts General Hospital

Faulkner Hospital

Newton-Wellesley Hospital

North Shore Medical Center











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Partners Asthma Center Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor, 2005

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. E. Regis McFadden**, **Jr.**, Argyl J. Beams Professor of Medicine at MetroHealth Medical Center and Professor of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University, has accepted our invitation to serve as the 2005 Partners Asthma Center Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor.

His tentative schedule:

Medical Grand Rounds at MGH on Thursday, October 13 at 8:00 a.m.);

Dinner in his honor at the Downtown Harvard Club, One Federal Street, Boston; and Medical Grand Rounds at BWH on Friday, October 14 at

noon.



Dr. McFadden is fondly known to many of us at Partners Asthma Center from his years as a faculty member in the Pulmonary and Critical Care Division at BWH. He attended Medical School at the University of Pittsburgh and did his Internship and Medical Residency training at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. His Pulmonary Fellowship was at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, New York with Dr. Harold Lyons, with whom he published landmark articles correlating asthma physiology and clinical manifestations.

His groundbreaking research into the pathophysiology of exercise-induced asthma shaped our understanding of the relationships between exercise, airway hyperresponsiveness, and airway cooling and drying in asthma. He has also conducted important clinical research into the treatment of acute asthmatic attacks.

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Other Partners Asthma Center Events and News

Asthma Grand Rounds

Friday, March 4, 8:30 a.m.

Beta-Agonist Bronchodilators: Our Response Is in Our Genes

Dr. Elliot Israel

Location: BWH Bornstein Family Amphitheater Videoconferencing: MGH (Lawrence House)
NSMC (MAC-4, Davenport)

Asthma Grand Rounds — On-Line

We have contracted with Partners Telemedicine to create on-line versions of our *Asthma Grand Rounds* lectures, with audio and synchronized video images of both lecturer and slides. We will make them available for viewing on our website, www.asthma.partners.org, beginning with Dr. Israel's March 4th presentation.

Asthma Grand Rounds Bulletin

We are working to distribute our *Asthma Grand Rounds Bulletin* via e-mail to members of Partners Asthma Center, housestaff at BWH and MGH, and to New England allergists and pulmonologists for whom we have e-mail addresses. It is also now posted on the PCHInet website (www.PCHInet.org, click on "References").



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Save the Date: Partners Asthma Center Dinner-Dance Thursday, September 22 Boston Marriott Hotel, Newton



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