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Partners Asthma Center Faculty Newsletter

Excellence in asthma care for children and adults

Partners Asthma Center is Growing Again



Brigham and Women's Hospital

Massachusetts General Hospital

Faulkner Hospital

Newton-Wellesley Hospital

North Shore Medical Center The Vision Statement of the Partners Asthma Center includes the following: "to provide the highest quality of integrated and comprehensive care for persons with asthma and related diseases." With the start of the New Year. Partners Asthma Center will expand its ability to fulfill this mission by adding practice sites at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and North Shore Medical Center. We welcome our colleagues and fellow asthma specialists at NWH (Drs. Dennis Beer and Inna Vernovsky) and

North Shore Medical Center (Drs. Dennis Hopper, Jack Karas, James MacLean, and Neil Shore). Together we can deliver outstanding medical care and consultation more widely to patients throughout the Partners network.

As we grow, we will need to work harder to remain a unified, integrated whole. Our shared patient educational materials (pamphlets, books, patient newsletter, action plan cards, peak flow diaries, and lending library of books and videotapes) constitute one approach. Another is shared conferences, including our Asthma Grand Rounds with live videoconferencing to MGH and NSMC (see below). Other opportunities included collaboration in the Partners asthma disease management program (Partners in Asthma Care), our annual visiting professorship, postgraduate CME courses, and our planned Partners Asthma Center retreat.

Asthma Grand Rounds Videoconferencing (Redux)

This year we have begun to broadcast Partners Asthma Center's *Asthma Grand Rounds* lectures via live videoconferencing (thanks to Partners Telemedicine services). Physicians at the MGH participated in the first two presentations. In January we will attempt to broadcast simultaneously to the North Shore Medical Center as well.

The next lecture is Friday, **January 18, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.** by Dr. Jeffrey Drazen on the *Pharmacogenetics of Asthma*. Locations and future dates follow:

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Asthma Grand Rounds (cont.)

Asthma Grand Rounds Conference Sites:

BWH:
Bornstein Family
Amphitheater

MGH: Lawrence House Conference Room

NSMC: Davenport Bldg, MAC 4

Asthma Grand Rounds Schedule (2002):

January 18, 2002
Jeffrey Drazen, M.D.
Pharmacogenetics of Asthma

March 8, 2002
Faculty Panel
Asthma Management Roundtable:
Presentation of Difficult Cases

June 7, 2002

Barbara Cockrill, M.D. and Lynda Cristiano M.D.

Asthma Management During Pregnancy:

Consensus and Controversy

Visiting Professor this Spring

Dr. Allen Lapey is coordinating a visit by Dr.
Fernando Martinez,
Professor of Medicine
and Director of the
Respiratory Sciences
Center of the University
of Arizona Medical
Center, to the MassGeneral Hospital for Chil-

dren and to Partners
Asthma Center this
Spring. The proposed
dates of his visit are
May 6-8. The schedule
for his visit has yet to be
finalized, but we will try
to take this opportunity
to host a dinner in his
honor for all members of

the Partners Asthma Center (and guests). Please save **the evening of Tuesday, May 7** for this occasion. It will be our first opportunity for our expanded faculty to gather socially. Page 3 Partners Asthma Center

Welcoming Our New Members

Newton-Wellesley Hospital



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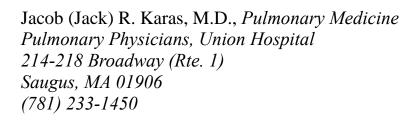


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