

Partners Asthma Center Faculty Newsletter

Excellence in asthma care for children and adults



Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor 2006: Professor Tak Lee

Brigham and Women's
Hospital

Massachusetts General
Hospital

Faulkner Hospital

Newton-Wellesley
Hospital

North Shore Medical
Center

Our annual Partners Asthma Center Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor will be Dr Tak H. Lee, Professor at Guy's College London School of Medicine, and Head of the Division of Asthma, Allergy, and Lung Biology.

The dates for his visit are **November 16 and 17, 2006**. His tentative schedule includes:



Medical Grand Rounds at MGH on Thursday, November 16 at 8:00 a.m. in the O'Keefe Auditorium ("Severe Asthma: New Therapeutic Opportunities");

Dinner in his honor at the Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf, Boston, on Thursday evening, starting at 6:30 p.m. -- all invited, with

spouses/significant others; and

Medical Grand Rounds at BWH on Friday, November 17 at noon in the Bornstein Family Amphitheater (same lecture topic).

Professor Lee directs the British Medical Research Council's Centre in Allergic Mechanisms of Asthma and recently served as Chairman of the Asthma United Kingdom Consultation on Basic Asthma Research Strategy 2.



2006 Partners Asthma Center Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction -- We Had a Ball!

It was a grand evening: good food, good music, good feeling, and in support of a good cause. The Partners Asthma Center Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction, held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cambridge on October 12, brought together Partners Asthma Center providers and staff, pulmonary and allergy fellows, patients, and pharmaceutical representatives -- all with a shared interest in improving the lives of people with asthma. And it helped to raise more than \$10,000 to develop and expand Partners Asthma Center activities.

We honored **John Auerbach**, Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, as our 2006 Guest of Honor. He was accompanied by Margaret Reid, R.N., Director of Asthma Programs for the Commission.

We also gave recognition to three of our asthmatic patients who -- with the help of care received at Partners Asthma Center -- have achieved wonderful things with their lives, despite their asthma. Our 2006 Partners Asthma Center Awardees were:

David Bucciero, a computer network expert who was able to compete in his first half-triathlon this year;

Jacqueline James, a high-school student who has played on her school volleyball team and plays violin, despite severe asthma that kept her out of school and sports for many years; and

Heidi McMorrow, DVM, whose asthma with animal allergies has not prevented her very successful career in veterinary medicine.

Special thanks go to members of the Dinner-Dance Planning Committee: Mark Anderson, Judi Botting (patient), Elaine Carter, Emilia Fusco (patient), Jose Portuondo (friend of the Asthma Center), Jackie Rodriguez-Louis, and Ann Wanyoike.



Other Partners Asthma Center Events and News

Asthma Grand Rounds

Friday, November 3

“Lipoxins in Severe Asthma”

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.*

Dr. Bruce Levy

(*please note special start time for this one program)

Future dates for *Asthma Grand Rounds* are:

January 12, 2007

March 2, 2007

June 1, 2007

(All of these programs will begin at 8:30 a.m.)

Asthma Educators’ Institute Programs

Congratulations to Drs. Dennis Beer and Kenan Haver for two successful Asthma Educators’ courses this fall at Newton-Wellesley Hospital and MassGeneral Hospital for Children, respectively. These one-day seminars (“Becoming an Asthma Educator” and “Focus on Pediatric Asthma”) were enthusiastically received by more than 100 attendees each.

Upcoming are:

“Understanding Allergy”

Brigham and Women’s Hospital

November 18, 2006

(Drs. Anna Feldweg and Jonathan Arm)

and

“Becoming an Asthma Educator”

North Shore Medical Center

December 2, 2006

(Dr. Philip Thielhelm)



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Save the Date:

Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor Dinner

Thursday, November 16
Boston Harbor Hotel, Rowes Wharf

