

# Partners Asthma Center Faculty Newsletter

*Excellence in asthma care for children and adults*



*Brigham and Women's  
Hospital*

*Massachusetts General  
Hospital*

*Faulkner Hospital*

*Newton-Wellesley  
Hospital*

*North Shore Medical  
Center*



## Mayor Thomas Menino to Be Partners Asthma Center's '07 Asthma Honoree

Partners Asthma Center is pleased to announce its 2007 Asthma Honoree: The Honorable Thomas M. Menino, Mayor of Boston.

In honoring Mayor Menino, Partners Asthma Center gives recognition to the asthma care initiatives of the City of Boston (through the Boston Public Health Commission), including the "Children with Asthma Can ..." campaign, Healthy Homes, and the Boston Asthma Summer Program.

Mayor Menino will receive his award at our Asthma Center's Annual Wine and Food Tasting Gala and Silent Auction, **Thursday, November 1**, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cambridge. Beginning at 7 p.m., the event will be held in the former "Spinnaker Restaurant" on the top floor of the hotel, overlooking the Charles River and the Boston skyline.



Please plan to come and join your colleagues, the pulmonary and allergy fellows, the 2007 asthma awardees (patients), other members of the Partners community, and the Mayor. Tickets are available this year at the reduced rate of \$110 per individual ticket and \$200 per couple (and \$1,000 for a table of 10).

## A New Book from Partners Asthma Center: *The Asthma Educator's Handbook*

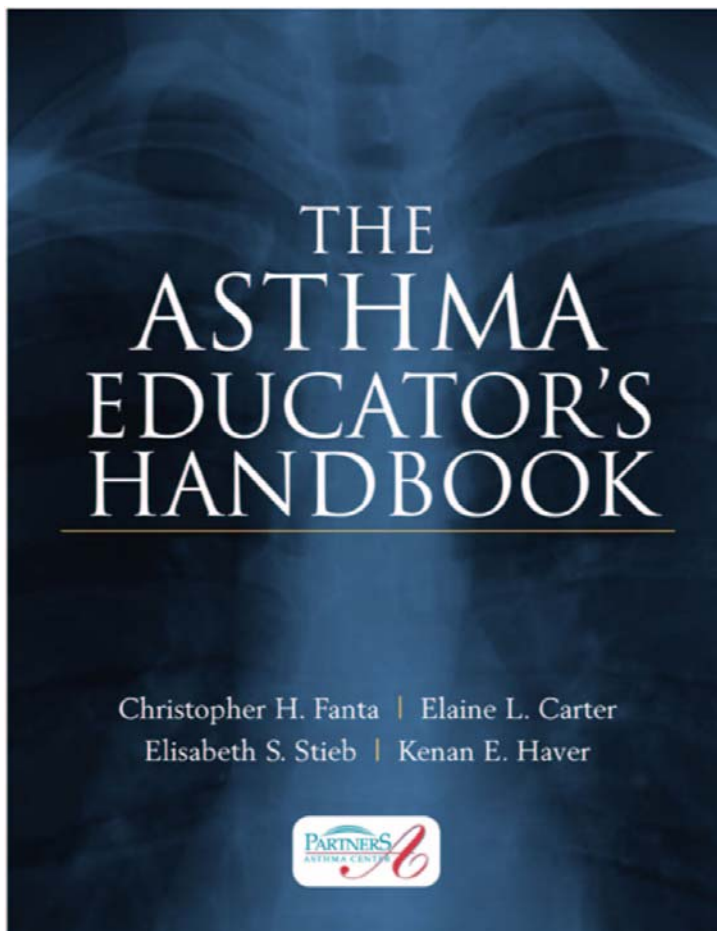
In 2003 Partners Asthma Center offered its first one-day seminar for asthma educators, called *Becoming an Asthma Educator: Learn to Teach Patients and Families About Asthma*. Over the ensuing years many members of our Asthma Center have taught in this course at each of our participating hospitals.

This year we have published a book derived from these courses, called *The Asthma Educator's Handbook* (McGraw-Hill), written by Chris Fanta, M.D., Elaine Carter, R.N., Lisa Stieb, R.N., and Ken Haver, M.D. To quote from the Introduction of this book:

“The goal of this *Asthma Educator's Handbook* is to provide you with the tools to become an effective asthma educator. Both the idea for the book and much of its content derive from a series of one-day continuing education seminars for allied health professionals presented by the Partners Asthma Center's Asthma Educators' Institute, beginning in 2003. Partners Asthma Center is a collaboration among allergists and pulmonologists at five of the major hospitals that participate in the Partners HealthCare System in Massachusetts: Brigham and Women's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, Faulkner Hospital, Newton-Wellesley Hospital, and North Shore Medical Center. Our mission, stated at the founding of our Asthma Center in 1989, is as follows:

*...to provide optimal medical care for persons with asthma and related diseases; to develop new knowledge about asthma and its management through state-of-the-art medical research; to train medical students and graduate physicians in the specialized skills of asthma care; and to promote improved understanding about asthma and related diseases through educational programs and materials for our patients, for other health care providers, and for the community.*

In keeping with this mission, we founded the Asthma Educators' Institute to develop and present courses for healthcare workers who want to become more effective asthma educators. To date we have held twelve such courses in and around Boston, attracting more than 1500 registrants. Many Partners Asthma Center physicians and nurses helped to organize and teach these seminars. Also, many health professionals attending the courses shared their ideas for improvement or for new directions of growth. Several asked whether an asthma educators' handbook was available for further study. From these courses and insightful suggestions has emerged this *Asthma Educator's Handbook*.”



Christopher H. Fanta | Elaine L. Carter  
Elisabeth S. Stieb | Kenan E. Haver



# Other Partners Asthma Center News

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **Friday, September 7: Asthma Grand Rounds** **Difficult Asthma: Building Consensus on** **Assessment and Treatment**

*Drs. Arm, Haver, Israel, Levy, Long, and MacLean*  
**8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**



### **Monday, October 1: Fellows' Asthma Forum** *Drs. Matt Hunninghake and Shamsah Kazani* **5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Ingram Library**



### **Thursday, October 11: Visiting Professorship** **Dinner at Seaport Hotel, Boston** **6:30 p.m.**

## *Another Way to Hear and Download* *Asthma Grand Rounds Podcasts*

Don't do iTunes? But still want to hear the latest *Asthma*



*Grand Rounds* podcast. You can do so by going to **www.Brighamandwomens.org/multimedia/asthma.aspx** and listen to Dr. Bruce Levy's "Lipoxins in Severe Asthma" lecture.



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*Save the Dates*

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

**Thursday, October 11**

**Wine and Food Gala and Silent Auction**

**Thursday, November 1**



**Japan, 2005**