

Partners Asthma Center Faculty Newsletter

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Partners Asthma Center's Asthma Educators Institute

One of the roles of Partners Asthma Center is to train other health care providers to be effective asthma educators. Towards this end, we are planning creation of the Partners Asthma Center Asthma Educators Institute. Through CME programs presented by the Asthma Educators Institute, nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, and pharmacists can learn the knowledge and skills needed to help patients better manage their asthma. They will also be prepared to take the national Asthma Educators Certification Examination offered by the American Lung Association.

We have formed a planning committee that includes physicians (Ken Haver and Chris Fanta), nurse (Elaine Carter), nurse practitioner (Kathleen Heitmiller), respiratory therapist (Paul Nuccio), and pharmacist (Tara Abrams). The initial concept includes the following:

- one-day educational programs offered on a Saturday.
- same program presented approximately monthly at various locations (BWH, MGH, NWH, NSMC).
- faculty to draw on members of Partners Asthma Center at host sites.
- nursing, respiratory therapy, and pharmacy postgraduate educational credit hours to be awarded.
- low registration fee maintained by recruiting pharmaceutical company exhibitors.

If you are interested in participating in the planning of the Asthma Educators Institute, please contact Chris Fanta at 617-732-4353 or by e-mail at cfanta@partners.org

Work-In-Progress

Partners Asthma Center Website

Mark Anderson has received the necessary training and permission to launch the Partners Asthma Center website (www.asthma.partners.org) using the Partners IS computer platform. We have a wealth of patient educational materials to share electronically, in English and in Spanish, and can also use this site to promote research projects and other Partners Asthma Center activities (e.g., Support Group, patient education symposia, CME programs).

Mark Anderson will function as "Web Master." He can be contacted at 617-732-5500 X3-2594 or by e-mail at asthma@partners.org.

To help promote our new website, we will develop mousepads and refrigerator magnets highlighting our internet address. Adjacent is a model design for these promotional materials.



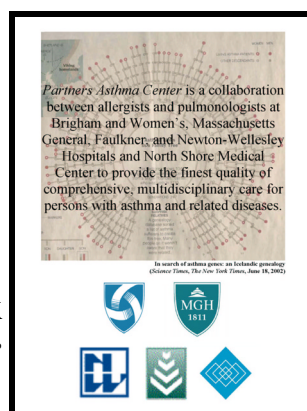
Partners Asthma Center Directory

We are nearing completion of our Partners Asthma Center Directory (delayed briefly to include all new Asthma Center members). This pocket-sized booklet will list all of our members and practice sites. It will contain information on each member, specifically: photo, institutional affiliation, specialty, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. We are planning to distribute the Directory to Partners Asthma Center members and to appropriate administrative leaders in our hospitals and at Partners. It is *not* meant for distribution to patients.

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Other Partners Asthma Center Events and News

Asthma Grand Rounds

Friday, January 17, 8:30 a.m.

Inhaled Corticosteroids and Bone Health

Drs. Elliot Israel and Meryl Leboff

Location: BWH Bornstein Family Amphitheater

Videoconferencing: MGH (Lawrence House)

and NSMC (MAC 4)

Congratulations to Dr. Philip Thielhelm and the faculty
of the Postgraduate CME Course

Newer Concepts and Challenges in Asthma, 2002

*at Salem Hospital, North Shore Medical Center
on Saturday, November 23.*

The program featured nationally renowned guest speakers, Drs. Richard Martin (National Jewish) and Peter Creticos (Johns Hopkins); and it attracted an enthusiastic audience of more than 100 participants.

New Members of Partners Asthma Center

Partners Asthma Center welcomes all of the practicing physicians of the Allergy Associates at Massachusetts General Hospital to our Center. Joining Dr. Aidan Long are:

Drs. Daniel Muppidi

Johnson Wong

Maury Goldman

Martin Ostro

and Mandakolathur Murali



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**With best wishes for a healthy,
happy, and productive New Year!**



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