

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:

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

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March 8, 2002

Faculty Panel

Asthma Management Roundtable:

Presentation of Difficult Cases

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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.

Welcoming Our New Members

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