

# 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*



## First Meeting of the Partners Asthma Center Leadership Group

An administrative planning group representing the multiple participating practices of Partners Asthma Center met on March 13 at the Prudential Center.

Members of the group are:

**Dennis Beer, NWH**

**Joshua Boyce, BWH**

**Elaine Carter, Partners Asthma Center nurse**

**Chris Fanta, Partners Asthma Center**

**Fiona Gibbons, MGH**

**Kenan Haver, MGH**

**Elliot Israel, BWH**

**Aidan Long, MGH**

**James MacLean, NSMC**

**Robert Tarpy, Faulkner Hospital**

**Philip Thielhelm, NSMC**

Areas for future development discussed at the meeting included the following:

- 1) Promoting Partners Asthma Center to referring physicians, in part through CME programs;
- 2) Data collection, perhaps beginning with the number of hospitalizations and urgent care visits for asthma among our participating hospitals;
- 3) Standardized PFT testing with results saved to the electronic longitudinal medical record (LMR);
- 4) Utilization of the LMR for Partners Asthma Center letterhead, prescriptions, and patient templates.

## Partners Asthma Center Calendar of Events (*Mark your Palm Pilots*)

- May 2** *Learn about Asthma and Related Diseases* at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, Roxbury, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. A continuing education program for nursing assistants, medical assistants, and health aides — offered in English and in Spanish.
- May 6** Patient Education Symposium — *Preventive Maintenance: Being Prepared to Deal with Asthma Attacks* — at the Huvos Auditorium, Faulkner Hospital, 6-8 p.m.
- June 2** Asthma Grand Rounds: Dr. Andrew Luster will speak on *The Ins and Outs of T-cell Trafficking in Asthma*, Bornstein Amphitheater, BWH, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- June 11** Annual picnic, home of the Fantas in Newton, 2-5 p.m.
- Oct. 12** Second Annual Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cambridge, 6:30-11 p.m.
- Nov. 16** Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor Dinner, honoring Dr. Tak Lee (King's College London School of Medicine), at the Boston Harbor Hotel, Boston, 6:30-10 p.m.

## Other Partners Asthma Center Events and News

### More Partners Asthma Center Do-Dads!

Coming soon! Your Partners Asthma Center button, making its debut here. Guaranteed to bring a smile to your friends, colleagues, and patients.



### *Concerns Regarding the Safety of the Long-Acting Inhaled Beta Agonists*

Partners Asthma Center is preparing a patient-focused brochure regarding the safety of long-acting inhaled beta-agonist bronchodilators and will hold a Roundtable Discussion on the topic as its first *Asthma Grand Rounds* of the 2006-7 season.

### *Welcome Aboard*

We are delighted to have *Anne Fuhlbrigge, M.D., M.S.*, a member of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Division at Brigham and Women's Hospital, join Partners Asthma Center. Anne is also a member of the Channing Laboratory research group, with a special interest in measuring asthma outcomes.





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*Save the Date:*

**Partners Asthma Center  
Joy of (Almost) Summer Annual Picnic**

**Sunday, June 11, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Fantas  
17 Chapin Road, Newton**



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