

Partners Asthma Center Faculty Newsletter

Excellence in asthma care for children and adults



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Partners Asthma Center's Asthma Educators' Institute Turns 5

In 2003 Partners Asthma Center created its Asthma Educators' Institute and launched a series of one-day seminars (*Becoming an Asthma Educator: Learn to Teach Patients and Families about Asthma*) for nurses, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, and other healthcare professionals. We offered this program at multiple sites (Boston, Newton, and Salem), reflecting our broad collaboration across the Partners network..



We have continued to present four seminars each year, introducing a variety of other, related topics in our "Advanced" programs, including a popular seminar called *Understanding Allergies*. We have had approximately 2000 registrants over the course of the last 4 years!

This year's schedule of "Introductory" and "Advanced" courses follows:

May 5: *Becoming an Asthma Educator*, Pittsfield, MA (in collaboration with Berkshire Area Health Education Center)

Sep. 29: *Becoming an Asthma Educator*, **NWH**

Oct. 20: *Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis*, **MGH**

Nov. 17: *Asthma Best Practices Summit*, **BWH**

Other projects are on the drawing board: *The Asthma Educators' Handbook* (McGraw-Hill) and an on-line *Becoming an Asthma Educator* course for distance learning.



Third Annual Partners Asthma Center Dinner-Dance and Silent Auction

A Planning Committee that never rests! That's what it takes to organize our annual Partners Asthma Center fundraising event.

Here's what the Committee has in the works:

Event Date: Thursday evening, November 1

**Event Location: Spinnaker (Top floor),
Hyatt Hotel, Cambridge**

**Event Format: Food and Wine "Stations,"
Silent Auction, Music and Dancing**

This Year's Asthma Honoree: A surprise!

Please put the date in your Palm Pilot and plan to share an evening of fun and togetherness. If you want to help in the planning, call Elaine at 617-732-7419.

Congratulations, G. David K. Hopper, M.D.



Congratulations on your retirement and the glorious career in pediatrics and allergy that preceded it.

And thank you for your trail-blazing role in bringing about our expanded Partners Asthma Center collaboration.

We wish you sunny skies and fair winds in your retirement and sailing adventures!

Other Partners Asthma Center News

Next Asthma Grand Rounds Program

Friday, June 1
“Update on Anaphylaxis”
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Dr. David Sloane

Annual Partners Asthma Center Picnic

A social event not to be missed! Come celebrate Spring at the annual Partners Asthma Center picnic on **Sunday, June 3 at the home of the Fantas, 17 Chapin Road, Newton.**

Learn and Teach the Asthma Basics

Once again Partners Asthma Center will offer its unique half-day educational program, *Learn and Teach the Asthma Basics*, for LPNs, CPAs, nursing assistants, and other healthcare professionals -- *simultaneously* in English and in Spanish -- at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury on Saturday, June 30.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health will help to publicize this course.

The American Lung Association of Massachusetts is exploring partnering with us to present this course at other sites around Massachusetts, such as the Lowell and Plymouth areas.



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Save the Dates

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Sunday, June 3

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

Thursday, October 11



Tuscan Villa, Summer, 2006