

Partners Asthma Center Faculty Newsletter

Excellence in asthma care for children and adults



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Faulkner Hospital

Newton-Wellesley
Hospital

North Shore Medical
Center



Activities at Partners Asthma Center

Take out your calendar books, PDAs, or iPhones -- there are many upcoming Partners Asthma Center events to share.

September

5th: Asthma Grand Rounds -- Dr. Scott Weiss on *Reduced Vitamin D Levels in Pregnant Women Are the Cause of the Asthma Epidemic*

21st: Annual Partners Asthma Center Picnic at the home of the Fantas in Newton Center (2:00 - 5:00 p.m.)

October

6th: Fellows' Asthma Forum -- Topic TBA

23rd & 24th: Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professorship (with Dr. Julian Solway, Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, University of Chicago Medical Center). (This event includes dinner for you and your significant other on Thursday, Oct. 23 at the Hampshire House, Boston.)

November

14th: Asthma Grand Rounds -- Dr. Raymond Murphy on *Analysis of Breath Sounds in Asthma and Related Diseases*

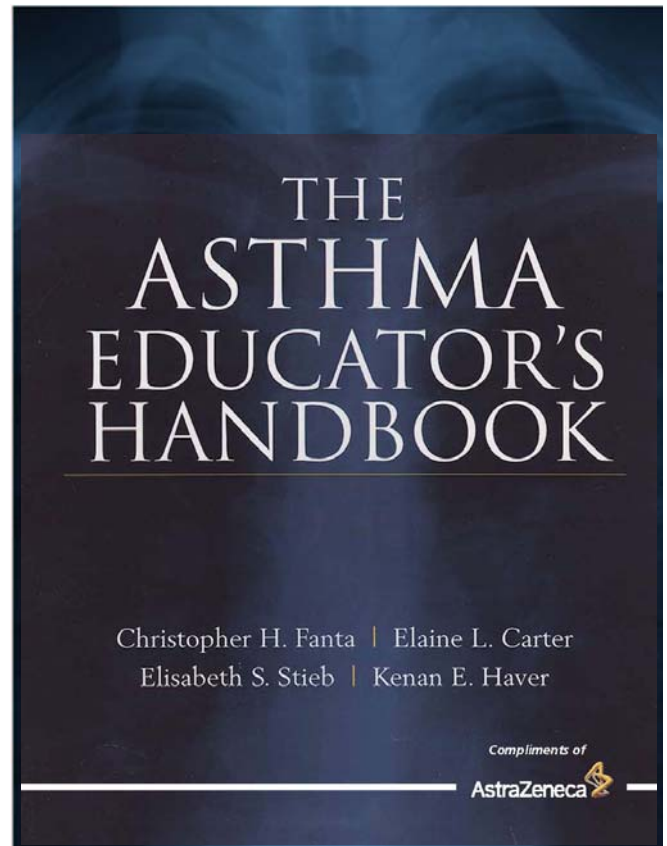
December

8th: Fellows' Asthma Forum -- Topic TBA

Times: Asthma Grand Rounds: 8:30 a.m. Fellows' Asthma Forum: 5:30 p.m.

Partners Asthma Center's Asthma Educator's Handbook ... at a Medical Office Near You!

In 2007, based on our introductory Asthma Educators' course entitled, *Becoming an Asthma Educator*, members of Partners Asthma Center published *The Asthma Educator's Handbook* (McGraw-Hill). The book caught the eye of management at AstraZeneca, which has arranged for printing and distribution of 50,000 copies of the book to medical offices throughout the country. Although our Asthma Center logo no longer appears on the cover, Partners Asthma Center is referenced extensively in the "Introduction" and sporadically throughout the text.



Boston Asthma Centers Coalition -- Exploring the Possibilities of Collaboration

This fall members of Partners Asthma Center have begun to meet with leaders of the Asthma Centers at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston Medical Center, Children's Hospital - Boston, Lahey Clinic, and Tufts Medical Center. Our purpose is to share information about the practice of asthma management across Centers; work to reduce asthma morbidity in Boston, particularly among inner-city and minority populations; make our expertise available as a resource to governmental and other agencies committed to improving the lives of persons with asthma; and where possible, collaborate in educational and research programs.

Exactly where this collaboration will lead us is uncertain, but multiple potential opportunities come to mind ... and Partners Asthma Center is taking a leadership role in this endeavor.

Other Partners Asthma Center News

Asthma Educators' Institute

Through its Asthma Educators' Institute, Partners Asthma Center offers one-day CEU-credited seminars for nurses, respiratory therapists, and pharmacists. In April we held our *Becoming an Asthma Educator* program at the Jordan Hospital in Plymouth. Upcoming seminars are:

September 27 (NWH): *Becoming an Asthma Educator*

November 1 (NSMC): *Becoming an Asthma Educator*

December 6 (BWH): *Inner-City Asthma: Successes and Challenges*

Welcome Dr. Eyal Oren

Partners Asthma Center is pleased to welcome Eyal Oren, M.D., to the Asthma & Allergy Affiliates practice at North Shore Medical Center. Dr. Oren is an internist and allergist, trained in Medicine at Georgetown Hospital in Washington, D.C. and in Allergy and Immunology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He has a general interest in asthma and allergy and special expertise in food and bee-sting allergies.





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Save the Date

Jeffrey M. Drazen, M.D. Visiting Professor Dinner
Thursday, October 23



Yosemite National Park, January, 2008