EPR3: A Pediatric Asthma Diagnosis & Management Update
(Part 2 of 2)
Satellite Conference and Live Webcast
Tuesday, February 3, 2009 • 12:00-2:00 p.m. (Central Time)
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It's the most common chronic childhood disease and it's prevalence among children has increased so much in the past 15 years that asthma is now considered to be a national epidemic.

Of the more than 22 million Americans affected by asthma, five million of them are children. The complex, chronic airway disorder is often a challenge to diagnose and treat and is the cause of almost three million physician visits and 200,000 hospitalizations each year. Asthma attacks, as they're often called, occur when the airways to the lungs become constricted, and their linings become swollen, irritated, and inflamed. There are several known indoor and outdoor agents as well as stimuli in the environment that contribute to the onset of an attack, though little is actually known about the factors that influence asthma's development.

Asthma cannot be cured, but it can be controlled. In the second of this two-part program we will provide up-to-date information on the treatment of pediatric asthma, including the family's perspective. It will provide the tools every health professional needs to help individuals and families control asthma. Proper diagnosis, severity and control assessments, and development of an appropriate plan of care can improve quality of life for people with asthma.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:
1. Define pediatric asthma and describe its personal and public impact.
2. Describe the diagnosis of pediatric asthma and its severity classifications.
3. Understand the pharmacologic and environmental elements of pediatric asthma management and control.
4. List the predominant pediatric asthma education topics and describe the key elements of an effective educational approach.

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CONFERENCE DETAILS:
Target Audience: Pediatricians, primary care physicians, nutritionists, respiratory therapists, pulmonologists, nurses, pharmacists, educators, clinicians, social workers, parents, health educators and other public health providers who interact with children. This program will also be of interest to school personnel including counselors, teachers, school nurses & administrators.
Registration: www.adph.org/alphtn
Cost: There is no cost to view.
Continuing Education: ABN 1.7 hours, ASNA 1.4 hours, NP Pharmacology 1.1 hours, Social Workers 1.4 hours
Satellite Technical Information: This program will be a live satellite broadcast on C band (analog).
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Audio Conference: This course will be available as an audio conference. Call: 1-866-941-6093.
Conference Materials: Posted on our website approximately one week before the program for registered participants.
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