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)

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<td>May 2</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>May 6</td>
<td>Patient Education Symposium — Preventive Maintenance: Being Prepared to Deal with Asthma Attacks — at the Huvos Auditorium, Faulkner Hospital, 6-8 p.m.</td>
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<td>June 2</td>
<td>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.</td>
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**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.

**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.
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

Tyringham, Berkshires,
August, 2005