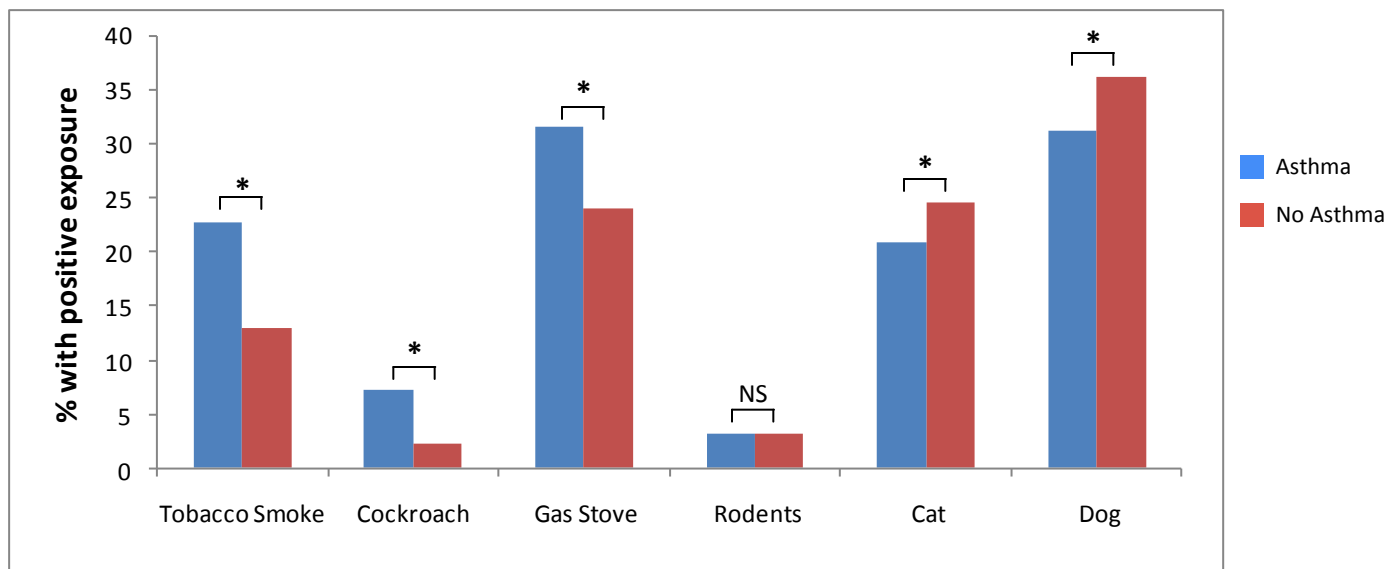




## To what are Easy Breathing participants exposed?



\* indicates significant difference at the  $p < .05$  level; NS indicates not significant at the  $p < .05$  level

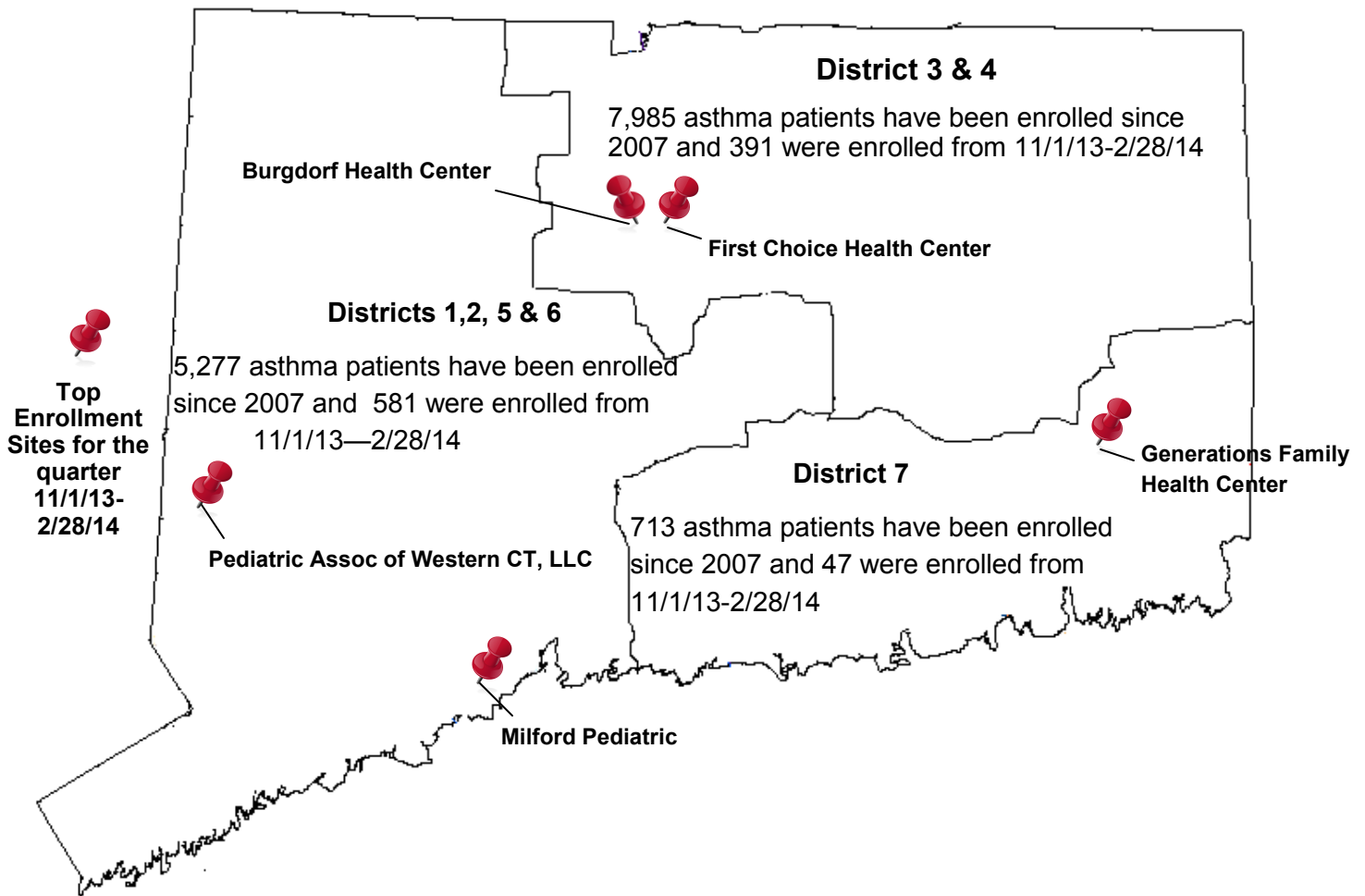
I was recently asked, “What is Easy Breathing doing with all the information collected on the survey?” Besides helping providers diagnose and assess asthma, the survey also asks important questions on exposures, family history, and co-morbid conditions like eczema. Because Easy Breathing has been collecting data for over 15 years in CT, we have the largest statewide database on childhood asthma. This rich dataset is a very powerful tool for continued efforts in providing quality asthma care to CT children. For example, we use our data to help inform us on exposures affecting CT’s citizens living with asthma and develop research questions or programs to address those areas of concern. Of course, this rich dataset would not exist without the participation of our Easy Breathing practices, clinicians, and patients, so thank you.

### Easy Breathing and Success with the Electronic Health Record

I recently had the pleasure of visiting East Lyme Pediatric Clinic in Niantic during site rounds with Ms. Mary Buckley-Davis, the Easy Breathing Program Coordinator for District 7. East Lyme was trained in early 2012, prior to the implementation of an EHR. As a program, we understand the challenges associated with switching from paper to electronic. Many Easy Breathing practices choose to pause activity as they make the transition. East Lyme chose to pause while they implemented their EHR. Currently, this practice uses SSIMED/Origins as their EHR platform. Now, a flag is created in the EHR for all Easy Breathing patients. This helps guide staff to use the asthma control test when patients come in for follow-up.

**Thank you East Lyme Pediatric Clinic for your continued support of the Easy Breathing Program**

From July 2007 to November 2014, Easy Breathing® Statewide has surveyed 54,514 children. Of the children surveyed, 26% have a diagnosis of asthma. In total, **125,963** children have been surveyed since 1998.



**Currently, for all Districts combined....**

81% of children diagnosed with persistent asthma have a written treatment plan on file in Easy Breathing

94% of children diagnosed with persistent asthma are on a daily Anti-inflammatory therapy

**Program Goals**

100% for Written Treatment Plans for children diagnosed with persistent asthma.

95% for Anti-inflammatory therapy for children diagnosed with persistent asthma.



## Easy Breathing partnership with CHNCT

We are excited to announce a renewed partnership with CT's HUSKY Administrative Services Organization for 2014. Like last year, we will be focusing on capturing Easy Breathing members who have inadequately controlled asthma indicated by an asthma control test score <19. Intensive Case Managers (ICMs) at CHNCT have been reaching out to your patients with poorly controlled asthma to provide case management.

Last year, ICMs called Easy Breathing practices to report unsuccessful attempts to make contact with a particular patient. We received feedback from our participating Easy Breathing sites and will be changing this process. Rather than call practices, CHNCT ICMs will now fax Easy Breathing sites reports of unsuccessful attempts to make contact. This change was made to accommodate office workflow and we hope it will be well received.

If any Easy Breathing site has questions or concerns regarding this new process, please call Jess Hollenbach or speak with your Easy Breathing Coordinator.

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