



Is Spirometry right for your practice?

Recently, the Asthma Center has received several requests for training in both conducting and interpreting spirometry. Whether spirometry is a good fit for your practice depends on the size of your practice (# of clinicians, # of patients) and volume of asthma patients you see. In our experience spirometry is cost-effective in practices with 4 or more full-time clinicians and in practices with high numbers of patients with asthma. It may be cost-effective in smaller practices.

Should my office be trained in Spirometry?

There are several potential benefits of spirometry testing in your office. One is the ability to objectively determine whether airflow obstruction exists, its severity, and its reversibility - all important considerations of an asthma diagnosis. The NHLBI Asthma guidelines recommend that spirometry be performed on all children with asthma. In general, children ages 7 and older can perform this testing.

Upon completion of spirometry training, attendees will be able to:

- 1) Correctly perform spirometry
- 2) Understand & use predicted normal values
- 3) Determine disease type and severity
- 4) Assess test quality & accurately interpret results
- 5) Recognize patterns of abnormalities
- 6) Determine reversibility

All clinicians (Physicians, APRNs, and PAs) who complete the training and appropriate documentation will receive 3 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™

Please let your Easy Breathing Coordinator know if you are interested in Spirometry for Maintenance of Certification, Part 4. If there is enough interest, we can submit an application for this activity to the ABP as an MOC Part IV project.

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The Hospital of
Central Connecticut
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Easy Breathing Maintenance of Certification, Part 4

Participating: 43

Certified this year: 23

In the Spotlight

Dr. Noelle Leong, The Hospital of Central Connecticut

When asked if she was feeling overwhelmed about doing Easy Breathing on paper in an electronic world, Dr. Leong responded: "that is easy—it's simply standard of care".

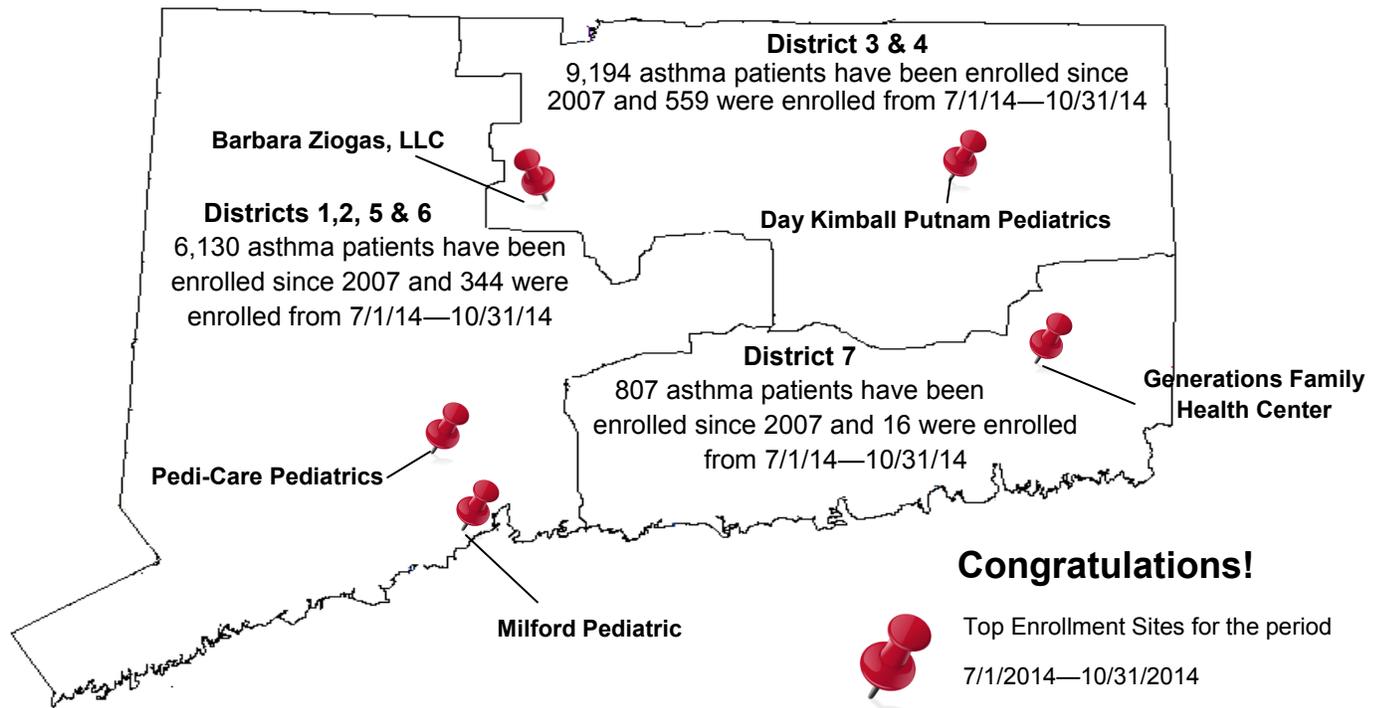
Thank you Dr. Leong for providing high-quality asthma care and continued support of the Easy Breathing program.

Maintenance of Certification Participation Fee Change

As of January 1st, 2015 the fee to participate in Part 4 Easy Breathing MOC will increase from \$50 to \$100. With the increase in participation we are spending more time and effort in reviewing activity, providing feedback and assembling run charts. This fee helps us to provide you with timely and high quality feedback on your hard efforts.

Easy Breathing Enrollment

From July 2007 to November 2014, Easy Breathing[®] Statewide has surveyed 64,271 individuals. Of those surveyed, 26% have a diagnosis of asthma. In total, 135,721 individuals have been surveyed since program inception in 1998.



Important Reminder

Give your Easy Breathing Coordinator a copy of the Asthma Treatment Plan

If you enroll a patient into the Easy Breathing program using the ACT/cACT, please remember to provide a copy of the Asthma Treatment Plan to your Easy Breathing Coordinator. If you are using an electronic health record, please print an extra copy to give to your Easy Breathing Coordinator. We know this is an extra step, but the quality of the treatment plans, and thus the benefit to your patients, cannot be assessed if we do not have a copy and this is an important element for continued funding of the program.



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