THE IMPACT OF ASTHMA ON THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
Thursday, May 8, 2003
9:00 AM – 2:30 PM
Westin-Waltham Hotel, 70 Third Avenue, Waltham, Massachusetts

TARGET AUDIENCE: Health care providers, policymakers, advocates, educators, consumers

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:
1. What is asthma – what we know and what we don’t know
   Causes – Indoor and outdoor triggers, genetics, other
2. Data/studies – costs, preventable hospitalizations
3. Access to care and disparities
4. Guidelines for treatment
5. Prevention and models

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