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Asthma Camps, Scholars Return Programs and Young Faculty Support Awards.



The event – which includes a reception, dinner and performance – is supported in part by grants from: **Alcon Laboratories, Inc., AstraZeneca LP, Sepracor Inc., and Teva Specialty Pharmaceuticals.**

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School screening demonstration project ...continued from page 1

Simple questionnaire

The screening tool is a simple questionnaire that can be filled out in the classroom. It was developed by the ACAAI in pilot tests in schools in Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas and Rochester, Minn., and has been validated for detecting potential asthma and rhinitis.

In most of the demonstration project schools, the questionnaire will be self-administered unaided. However, in some the questionnaire will be given to an entire class by a research assistant or a teacher, if that is the better method for a particular class. The two methods will be compared.

1. The screening process begins with a letter to the student's home explaining the program.
2. A parent or guardian can choose to excuse a child from the program.
3. The short questionnaire is then administered in school, filled out by the students.
4. The home is notified of the results.

5. If the child has suspected asthma or respiratory allergy, recommendations will include a diagnosis by the child's own physician or referral and will include information about available diagnostic resources in the community. Information about the disease and its management will be included.

Project oversight

A College task force, led by ACAAI Past President **Dr. Robert Miles**, has general oversight for the demonstration project. "We hope that by demonstrating the benefits in terms of improved health, school attendance and cost-savings, other school systems across the nation will want to learn more about this innovative program," he said.

Schools with substantial numbers of ethnic minorities will be well represented in the demonstration project. Dr. Wolf noted that asthma prevalence and mortality rates are on the rise among all ethnic groups, but among African Americans the toll is almost three times as high.

Two community-based organizations will help with the demonstration project:

- The Chicago Asthma Consortium is staging a kickoff dinner for school administrators, nurses and other key personnel involved in the project, and will conduct focus group research after the completion of the field work to determine participant satisfaction with the program.
- The Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago will manage local publicity and relations with the medical media.

La Rabida Children's Hospital has been deeply involved with pediatric asthma in Chicago for more than a decade. It launched its community asthma program in 1996 with the objective of identifying previously undiagnosed asthma among the city's children and providing education about the disease.

The student questionnaire is posted on the ACAAI Web site. Click "School-Based Screening" on the Practice Resources menu at www.acaaai.org/Member.