



Welcome 5 New NAEC–Board Members!

Elizabeth Gendy–Shaker, MD, AE–C

- California–licensed physician
- Board–certified in Pediatrics
- Fellowship training in Pediatric Pulmonology, asthma education emphasis

“Living and working in the Inland Empire [“an area that suffers from high levels of pollution and low air quality”] made me realize the critical need for further research and better treatment options related to respiratory health, including asthma– and air pollution–related diseases.”

Dr. Gendy–Shaker has taught physicians at all career stages at: Phoenix Children's Hospital, Western University School of Osteopathic Medicine, and in the Inland Empire.

“As a first–generation college and medical graduate, I value and am committed to the Board's mission to provide routes to educational success for those with asthma.”

Chanda Nicole Holsey, DrPH, MPH, AE–C

- Public health professional trained in asthma education and management
- Administrator for the Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Section of the National Medical Association (NMA)
- *Past*, president of the Association of Asthma Educators (AAE)
- Inaugural recipient of AAE Humanitarian/Community Service Award

One of Dr. Holsey's primary goals on the AAE board was to increase deliberate focus on urban, underserved children with asthma and their families. She did this by establishing their Community Service Project initiative.

Dr. Holsey is a leader in developing and coordinating asthma programs with: publications and professional presentations in asthma management, pediatric

asthma, health disparities; planning, implementing, and evaluating health promotion programs; contributing to identifying strategies, accelerating progress to reduce childhood asthma hospitalizations + emergency department visits at the Asthma Partner Planning Committee Meeting (ALA/CDC sponsored)

Dr. Holsey earned a Master of Public Health in Behavioral Science and Health Education from the Rollins School of Public Health (Emory University) and a Doctor of Public Health in Maternal and Child Health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Honey Pezzimenti, M.Ed., RRT-NPS, AE-C

- Respiratory Therapist with over 14 years of experience with neonatal, pediatric, and adult populations
- 10 years as Education Coordinator at three large institutions
- *Past*, National Board for Respiratory Care NPS Exam Cut Score Committee
- *Past*, Virginia Society for Respiratory Care (Northern District Director, co-chair of the Education committee)

“I have worked with committees and workgroups on asthma pathway development and protocol updates, as well as developing patient/family asthma education materials.”

Honey Pezzimenti specializes in high fidelity simulation experiences, curriculum development, professional and preceptor development, onboarding.

Eleanor Prowell, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC, AE-C

- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner specializing in asthma in Brooklyn, NY
- Independently provides care in an asthma clinic and a pulmonary clinic
- Clinical Director of Asthma Program Services
- Co-Director of hospital’s Joint Commission Disease Specific Certification for Pediatric Asthma Program and Leadership Committee
- Co-Director of NP Fellowship Programs

Eleanor Prowell practices at a *“not-for-profit, safety-net community hospital providing medical care in a region that is experiencing some of the most significant economic, social and health inequities in New York City. We provide health care to a patient population that represents thirty-five distinct languages and cultures.”*

Eleanor Prowell; oversees a home visiting program providing asthma self-management; oversees an asthma training program based in daycare settings; authored and implemented policies and procedures for outpatient and inpatient care for children treated for asthma; designed + implemented PNP and ACNP Fellowship Programs curriculum.

“I will share my passion and experience with asthma care in an urban, community

based environment. My patients inspire me to be involved at a national level..."

LaShonna Stodghill, MAEd, LRT, RRT, AE-C

- 27 years in Respiratory Care
- Respiratory Therapist
- Master's degree in health education
- Asthma education discharge planner in Children's of Alabama outpatient asthma clinics
- Healthcare committee chair of the Omicron Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

"I have done numerous asthma presentations at Children's of Alabama, at schools, school and church career health fairs, school nurse workshops, child resource programs, and asthma camps."

LaShonna Stodghill is faculty for the Pediatric Pulmonary Center RT Traineeship Program where she trains RTs who want to obtain their master's degree in community health education or public health.

"I am a champion for encouraging certification in asthma education and I often speak about it with co-workers who work in the asthma clinics."

Member Spotlight

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Meet Linda Nozart-Frierson...a Respiratory Therapist and Certified Asthma Educator who trains Community Health Workers (CHWs) for her organization's Home Based Asthma Education Case Management Program.

Linda teaches Community Health Workers to..."sell the vision of asthma control...pace the patient through the journey" and "...to connect with a patient..." She emphasizes their relationship is "...based on trust because no one follows someone they don't trust."

Linda advocates for asthma education roles... "At the start, I had to help sell that they would add institutional value by decreasing ER visits and hospitalizations due to asthma." She promoted them through outreach "during clinical rounds, PI Meetings, and Departmental meetings." and "...we were able to hire 2 full-time CHWs."

She also created "flyers to promote services in the ER, Inpatient Unit and community events, ordering uniform T-shirts for the team."

Her program has shown the value of asthma education... "Since 2014 we have been able to conduct and coordinate 3,408 home environmental assessments with 2 CHW" which excludes other linkage of care visits like pest management home services. 62% of patients improved their Asthma Control Test (ACT) scores post intervention.

Thanks for sharing the value of your AE-C, Linda!

Opportunities

Have something to share? Email it to info@naecb.org

Upcoming Events

Nationwide Children's Hospital 11th Annual Pediatric Asthma Conference

Date: May 14–15, 2020

Location: Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center, Lewis Center, Ohio

Link:

<https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/course-viewer?EventID=46357>

Keynote Speakers:

David Lang, MD

Professor of Medicine and Chair, Department of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Respiratory Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio

Jay M. Portnoy, MD

Medical Director, Telemedicine; Allergist, Section of Allergy/Asthma/Immunology, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri; Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri–Kansas City School of Medicine

Highlights

- Transition of Care: Pediatric to Adult
- Health Disparities & Health Equity in Asthma
- Hands-On Interactive Asthma Simulations
- Managing Difficult Conversations to Create Positive Outcomes

Intended Audience:

Pediatricians, Family Practitioners, Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, Social Workers, Pharmacists and Clinical Staff from hospital, urgent care, primary care, and school facilities with students/patients who have asthma and allergies.

2020 AAE Annual Conference

Date: June 12, 13 & 14, 2020

Join us! The 2020 Annual Conference program will encompass a full spectrum of asthma-related topics from strategies for motivational interviewing, trigger recognition and home visitation programs, to biologics and genetics, as we continue to knit the web of care and information that delivers better education for patients and families living with asthma.

<https://www.asthmaeducators.org/>

National AE-C Board Corner

Important Notice for Current and Future Asthma Educators:

Certifications must be renewed every 5 years

Effective June 1, 2020, the certification period for Certified Asthma Educators will be 5 years after passing the certification exam. The NAECB recently approved this change in the certification timeframe from the current 7 years to 5 years to ensure that our certificants stay current with rapidly evolving research, technology and pharmaceutical options for managing asthma.

Candidates who take and pass the examination prior to June 1, 2020, will maintain their certification for 7 years

Anyone taking the examination after that date will maintain their certification for 5 years. The timeframe for candidates recertifying by CEUs remains unchanged at 5 years.

Member Survey

We sent out a survey last fall and heard from over 200 AE-Cs. Thank you! We appreciate your feedback!

Exam Scholarships

If you want to become a certified asthma educator, check to see if your employer pays for the exam. Many employers budget for trainings, certifications, or professional development and will cover the cost.

If you or your employer are unable to pay for the exam, apply for [our scholarship](#).

Quick Links

Want to [sign up for the exam?](#)

Read [recommendations on exam review courses](#)

Brush up on the AE-C [Candidate Handbook](#)

Find recertification information in the [Recertification Handbook](#)

Not sure of your question? [See our FAQs](#)

Review [the Code of Conduct](#) to stay sharp

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Thanks for reading! See you for the spring Seasonal Checkup issue!



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