

# Make a difference in the care of patients with asthma... and in your career.



## Asthma Assessment and Management Course

Course period: April 30, 2010 – July 23, 2010

Study days: June 11 – 12, 2010

Venue: Children's Hospital of Central CA  
Fresno, CA

**Invest in your career.** A comprehensive training program designed to expand clinical practice and expertise. Through greater understanding of the disease, participants build competence in assessment and diagnosis (including spirometry), pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic management, clinical decision making in line with guidelines and evidence-based practice, and patient education.

**Not just another lecture.** Expert trainer. Small group setting. Interactive curriculum. Case studies and hands-on experience with assessment tools, devices, and equipment apply learning to practice during mid-course study days.

**It's about change in practice.** Self study throughout the course supports understanding of disease process and reinforces best practice as participants apply new skills to patient care. A patient management paper at course end demonstrates integration of knowledge and practice.

Graduates are prepared to provide excellent patient care. Many course graduates choose to become nationally certified by taking the National Asthma Educator Certification Exam.

**Register now.** Go to our website at [www.nrtc-usa.org](http://www.nrtc-usa.org). training/upcoming training programs to download a course registration form. For more information contact the National Respiratory Training Center at 757 668.6455 or 757 483.4130.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate solid understanding of disease process and medications.
- Take a comprehensive patient history and understand significance of information gathered.
- Apply criteria for diagnosis and staging to case study patients.
- Design a comprehensive management plan for adults and children, including appropriate medications, devices, and self-monitoring.
- Write an asthma action plan.
- Recognize signs and symptoms of acute exacerbation and recommend proper treatment.

### TARGET AUDIENCE


Nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, case managers, physicians, and other health professionals actively involved in the care of patients with asthma. Applicants are expected to be actively working with asthma patients, either in primary or secondary care.

### COST

\$150 with scholarship. Contact 757 668-6455 for more information.

Costs for travel and accommodations to attend the study days are not included.

### ACCREDITATION

- **AANP.** This program has been approved for 24.8 contact hours of continuing education (which includes up to 13.9 hours of pharmacology) by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Program ID 0812569.
- **AAPA.**  This program has been reviewed and is approved for a maximum of 11.5 hours of AAPA Category I (Pre-approved) CME credit by the Physician Assistant Review Panel.
- **AARC.** The American Association for Respiratory Care has granted the Asthma Course 22.5 hours of continuing education credit (CRCE). Provider #9380443
- **CBRN.** The Asthma Course is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider #13556 for 49.8 contact hours.

(Accreditation hours/credits may change based on re-accreditation applications)

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