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Enhancing School Wellness Policies to Protect Students with Asthma



What Does It Take for a School to Be Asthma-Friendly?
Watch a short video to learn about the recommendations.



How Asthma-Friendly Is Your School?
Find out if your school is asthma-friendly.



Four Steps to Create an Asthma-Friendly School
Learn about the resources that can help.

The American Lung Association has several new resources available to improve asthma management among school-aged children as a result of a five-year CDC-funded project. Join the American Lung Association and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation on Tuesday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. ET to learn strategies to enhance your school wellness policy to protect students with asthma. Improving the health and well-being of children living with asthma can reduce student absenteeism and improve health outcomes. [Register today!](#)

FDA Approves Asthma Indication for DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB)

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- Only biologic approved for both moderate and severe asthma patients with eosinophilic phenotype
- Only biologic approved for oral corticosteroid-dependent asthma, regardless of phenotype
- Only asthma biologic that offers patient self-administration at home
- Only asthma biologic also approved for adult patients with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis, a Type 2 inflammatory disease driven by the IL-4 and IL-13 pathway
- In clinical trials, Dupixent reduced severe exacerbations and oral corticosteroid use and improved lung function

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Ever Wondered About "What is Severe Asthma" or "What are Asthma Biologics"?



The ALA has a quick overview of Severe Asthma and lists personalized-medicine strategies for phenotype specific medication therapies such as this new Dupixent (Dupilumab) , "Type 2 inflammatory disease" (IL-4 & IL-13 pathways) and others such as Anti-IgE/ Anti- IL5 treatment options for Severe Asthma (See Treating Severe Persistent Asthma). This is a rapidly developing area of asthma treatment.

Check out the PA Asthma Partnership Resource Hub!



The PA Asthma Partnership has created a "Resource Hub" for all asthma programs and resources. We welcome resources from all organizations!

Email Shelly at shelly.cree@lung.org to add resources from your organization to share with the Partnership!

Regional Opportunities!



WESTERN REGION

- [Medicare and COPD: What You Need to Know](#): Thursday, November 1 from 6-7:30pm
- [Allegheny Quits for Life](#): November 11-17; Tobacco Free Allegheny, along with their partners, will be celebrating the 4th

annual Allegheny Quits for Life Cessation Awareness Week!

- [2018 Shale and Public Health Conference](#): Wednesday, November 14 from 9am-5pm
- Fight for Air Climb: [Pittsburgh, PA- March 30, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Expo: [Pittsburgh, PA- May 15, 2019](#)

CENTRAL REGION

- LUNG FORCE Walk/Run: [Harrisburg, PA- November 3, 2018](#)

EASTERN REGION

- Fight for Air Climb: [Philadelphia, PA- March 30, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Expo: [Cherry Hill, NJ- April 23, 2019](#)
- LUNG FORCE Walk: [Philadelphia, PA- May 18, 2019](#)

If you have an event you would like to share or promote to PA Asthma Partnership members, please email Shelly at Shelly.Cree@lung.org!

We thank you for your continued participation in the Pennsylvania Asthma Partnership and dedication to supporting Pennsylvanians with asthma across the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

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