## Conference Foreword

Meeting the Challenges of Asthma  
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## Conference Proceedings

Trends in Asthma Prevalence, Admission Rates, and Asthma Deaths  
_by Fernando D Martinez–Tucson, Arizona_  

Clinical Asthma Syndromes and Important Asthma Mimics  
_by Christopher S King–Washington, District of Columbia and Lisa K Moores–Bethesda, Maryland_  

Making the Diagnosis of Asthma  
_by Meredith C McCormack–Baltimore, Maryland and Paul L Enright–Tucson, Arizona_  

Traditional and New Approaches to Asthma Monitoring  
_by Christine A Sorkness–Madison, Wisconsin_  

Environmental Issues in Managing Asthma  
_by Gregory B Dette, Meredith C McCormack, Nadia N Hansel, Patrick N Breyssse, and Elizabeth C Matsui–Baltimore, Maryland_  

Safety and Efficacy of β Agonists  
_by James F Donohue–Chapel Hill, North Carolina_  

Inhaled Corticosteroids in Asthma Management  
_by Patrick O Sobande, and Carolyn M Kercsmar–Cincinnati, Ohio_  

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Books, Software, & Other Media

The Asthma Educator’s Handbook. (Fanta CH, Stieb ES, Carter EL, Haver KE)
reviewed by Tim Conlin–Lafayette, Colorado
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(Simonds AK, editor)
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Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency–Clinical Aspects and Management.
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