



Anti-IgE

An Alternative in the Treatment of Severe Asthma

Don't forget to book your time to participate in the web-conference on "Anti-IgE – An Alternative in the Treatment of Severe Asthma", presented by CNAC President, Dr. Harold Kim.

This web-conference has been developed exclusively for CAEs and CREs. You can use it towards your CAE and CRE professional development recertification requirements.

The objectives of the web-conference are to:

1. Clearly define severe asthma
2. Review the current level of asthma control
3. Understand the role of Anti-IgE in the treatment of severe allergic asthma

This web conference is being held on **December 8th at 4:00 pm (Eastern time)** and again **December 9th at 7:00 pm (Eastern time)**. There is no need to register. Simply follow the dial-in and login instructions.

Instructions:
Phone and Web-based Teleconference
You will be using a phone for audio and a web-based system (GENESYS) for visual of the presentation.

1. Dial in number (phone)

- **1-877-841-0006** (toll free)
- **Access number: *6333413*** (Do not forget to enter the star before and after the number.)

2. Genesys (web/computer)

- Log on to the following site: <http://conferencing.novartis.com>
- Click on "Join as a Participant"
- Meeting number is: ***6333413*** (Do not forget to enter the star before and after the number)

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55% Participation Rate on CNAC's Governance and Organizational Structure Survey

By Cheryl Connors, Executive Director

Thank you to all who participated in our recent online survey of CAEs and CREs on CNAC's organizational and governance structure.

The participation rate for this survey was an unbelievable 55%! Most association's conducting this type of survey would be happy with a 15-20% participation rate. This once again shows me why I am so proud to work with you!

We were able to take your feedback to the CNAC Board of Directors and allow your voice to be heard in helping guide the CNAC Board in planning a new structure for the organization that more accurately reflects the evolving nature of the organization.

I will give a full report on this strategic governance and organizational review in the next print issue of The Educator. (We are just in the process of putting it together. You will receive a copy early in the New Year.)

We promised you that we would have an exciting announcement about our 2009 conference! And it is with great excitement that we can now announce the location of ASED 9 – Whistler, BC!

We have secured excellent room rates at Whistler's premier hotel and conference facility, the luxury Fairmont Chateau Whistler www.fairmont.com/whistler. Rates are just \$139 & \$159!

The hotel is at the foot of Blackcomb Mountain in Whistler, BC. The conference will take place just three short months before the 2010 Winter Olympics. Whistler is one of the host venues for the games. This will be a unique opportunity to take part in some of the pre-Olympic excitement, taking place in Whistler. The sledding centre will be open. You may be able to watch the Canadian bobsled team practice! The hotel is also steps from the world-famous Whistler Village, home of more than 200 restaurants, shops & boutiques. Check out www.tourism.whistler.com for lots more information on all of the exciting things to see & do in Whistler.

Whistler is only a two-hour drive along the scenic Sea to Sky Highway. We will have lots of travel options for you to get there from the airport. (Our recommendation is that you take one of the shuttle buses located right at the airport. It is the simplest way to arrive. Sit back and enjoy the scenery! Or you can rent a car and take your time on the trip up, stopping along the way to take lots of pictures!)

Skiing will be dependent on the weather. We have secured our excellent rates because we will be there just ahead of the official opening of the mountain. Some years there is skiing in mid-November and some there isn't. We'll have to see what Mother Nature has in store for us next year! There will be still lots to do. For the outdoor enthusiasts, you can rent ATVs, go for a hike or go ziplining over a river gorge! For those that prefer more refined activities, book some time at the Fairmont spa, or visit the new Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre or just shop till you drop!

But of course, the number one reason to attend this conference is the outstanding program that ASED 9 Planning Committee Chair, Margot Underwood, RN, CRE, and her team, are putting together. This will be a program that is focused on the unique continuous education needs of Canada's certified asthma and respiratory educators. We have carefully reviewed and analyzed the feedback

and program suggestions from our last conference, as well as our recent survey, and are really working hard to put together a program that will send you back to your work invigorated with new ideas and fresh motivation! We're also working on getting a couple of special guest speakers that will add something new & different to ASED!

Stay tuned!