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Upcoming Association of Asthma Educators program that will take place on Wednesday November 9th from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm at the Children's Regional Hospital at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ. The program will be held in the Pavilion Room 1014 located at 1 Cooper Plaza, Haddon Ave in Camden NJ. This 6 hour program, which is supported by a grant from Merck, can hold up to 100 people, is free of charge to attendees, and it provides continuing education credits for attendees. The target audience for this program includes office based asthma educators in practices that refer patients to the Cooper University Hospital and asthma educators and care managers from the surrounding hospitals and practices. Depending on available space Merck field personnel can also attend. The target audience for this program are Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, Physician Assistants, and Pharmacists who counsel asthma patients.

The web link for this program is www.asthmaeducators.org/Becoming-childrens.htm. Registration will close one week prior to the program. This six-hour course educates health care professionals on the new asthma guidelines and identifies core educational content that asthma patients and their families need to manage their disease effectively. Course content covers asthma prevalence, goals of therapy, pathophysiology, the factors that contribute to asthma severity, pharmacotherapy, medication administration, symptom monitoring, and patient education. Application of core topics is reviewed through interactive case studies. The course has been approved for 6 contact hours by the California Board of Registered Nursing Provider #13605. Application has been made to the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) for continuing education contact hours for respiratory therapists.