Asthma & Obesity

- Asthma prevalence among children under the age of 15 was less than 15 years old.
- Approximately 29% of all asthma hospital discharges in children under the age of 15.
- Of all asthma discharges in children under 15, 3 out of 5 were among black children, almost a 50% increase.

Asthma & Influenza

- Children with asthma hospitalized with H1N1 infection than non-asthmatic children and were hospitalized at four times higher rates than prior morbidity and mortality from influenza.
- An estimated 3,345 deaths due to asthma in 2011.

Taking Control of Asthma

- Obesity not only affects cellular inflammation but can also impact asthma symptoms.
- The treatment of obese asthmatics must include a weight control program.

Asthma by the Numbers

- Asthma prevalence is highest among persons aged 45-54.

Who Has Asthma?

- The number of adults with asthma has increased over the past 10 years.
- More than 25 million adults have asthma, or 8% of US adults.
- Of those who had asthma, 26.8% had severe asthma.

Childhood Asthma

- There were 2,200,000 visits to the emergency room due to asthma among children under the age of 12.
- 6,300,000 children missed school or work because of asthma.
- 3,345 deaths due to asthma in 2011.