BREATHE LA’s 6th Annual COPD Conference

Revered Doctors and Healthcare Professionals Discuss New Technologies for Los Angeles County

Los Angeles, CA, November 08, 2014 --(PR.com)-- On Wednesday, November 19, 2014, BREATHE California of Los Angeles (BREATHE LA) County will hold its 6th Annual COPD Conference. This year’s conference theme is New Technologies and New Hope for an Old Disease. The conference will be held at the University of Southern California’s Galen Center, 3400 S Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, CA 90089, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is the third leading cause of death in the United States. The esteemed panel of doctors and healthcare professionals will discuss the newest methods of treatment for treating COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), a disease that affects nearly 550,000 people in Los Angeles County. For that reason, the topics will be tailored to the unique approaches used when factoring in the local community.

Topics of discussion will include: New approaches and strategies in pulmonary rehabilitation, Ancillary devices that can help severe COPD patient, COPD Phenotypes in LA County, New Drugs and Technologies for COPD patients, and more.

Some of the panelists are:
Dr. Harry Rossiter is an Associate Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and a Fellow of The American College of Sports Medicine. He conducts clinical and transitional research in respiratory and exercise physiology as part of the Rehabilitation Clinical Trial Center at Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. He has published over 50 original research articles with an emphasis on the physiology of oxygen transport and utilization during exercise.

Diana Guth has been a Registered Respiratory Therapist since 1971 and is the owner of Home Respiratory Care. She has worked in the Home Medical Equipment industry since 1985. For the last 20 years, her company has specialized in treating people who have sleep disorders and providing noninvasive ventilation to people with neuromuscular disorder.

Dr. Ahmet Baydur has been on the faculty of the division of pulmonary and critical care medicine at Keck School of Medicine (KSOM), USC since 1977 – he currently holds the rank of Professor of Clinical Medicine. He is medical director of the respiratory therapy and pulmonary rehabilitation departments at LAC+USC Medical Center, and the system chair for the respiratory organ system for second year medical students at KSOM. He is board-certified in internal medicine, pulmonary diseases, and critical care medicine.

Dr. Donald P Tashkin is Emeritus Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. He previously served as Director of the Clinical Pulmonary Function Laboratory at the UCLA Medical
Center for nearly 30 years. His research interests include the pulmonary effects of smoked substance abuse and community air pollution, the pathophysiology, prevention and treatment of COPD, and the pathophysiology and clinical pharmacology of asthma.

Additional panelist will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

Breathe California of Los Angeles County (BLA) is a nonprofit organization established in 1903 dedicated to creating clean air and healthy lungs for Los Angeles County residents. BREATHE LA focuses outreach and education efforts on community health fairs, the Better Breathers Clubs™, local schools, and collaborations with leading local organizations that are taking action to improve environmental impacts in neighborhoods most affected by poor air quality. The mission is to promote clean air and healthy lungs through research, education, advocacy and technology. BREATHE LA works to improve health outcomes and quality of life for those suffering with asthma, COPD, lung disease and other breathing conditions. To donate or learn more about BREATHE LA, visit www.breatheLA.org.

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