



UPDATE IN

PEDIATRIC PULMONARY MEDICINE



UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has been recognized as one of the top pediatric hospitals in the country on the 2023-24 *U.S. News & World Report* Honor Roll of Best Children's Hospitals, ranking 8th. Nationally, UPMC Children's is ranked for excellence in all 10 specialty areas, with Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine ranking tied for **#9**.

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ATS Issues New Statement on Race, Ethnicity-based Equations Used in Pulmonary Function Tests

UPMC Children's Division of Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine faculty **Daniel Weiner, MD, FAAP, FCCP, ATSF**, contributed to the recent publication "Race and Ethnicity in Pulmonary Function Test Interpretation: An Official American Thoracic Society Statement" in the *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*. The new statement from the American Thoracic Society addresses the role of racial identifiers when evaluating & interpreting pulmonary function tests.

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Advocating for Better Air Quality Control Guidelines

Franziska Rosser, MD, MPH, recently gave testimony to the United States Environmental Protection Agency on the necessity for improved guidelines governing air quality standards and environmental hazards, such as fine particulate matter and ozone, that are known to cause or exacerbate numerous health conditions, including asthma and other respiratory conditions.

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Can a Parent's Numeracy Skills Affect Their Child's Asthma Symptoms and Severity? New Study from UPMC Children's Explores the Possibility

UPMC Children's Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine researchers published findings on the connection between the mathematical ability of parents, specifically related to understanding health care instructions, and the severity of asthma symptoms in their children.

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In Case You Missed It

Asthma and the Air Quality Index - New Research

Franziska Rosser, MD, MPH, led a new pilot study examining whether incorporating the Air Quality Index into the management plan of children with asthma can reduce acute attacks or symptom exacerbation.

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