Asthma and Allergy: New Approaches, New Targets

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Dr. Khurana Hershey received a B.S. degree from the University of Iowa, and M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from Washington University School of Medicine. After completing pediatric residency and an allergy/immunology fellowship at St. Louis Children's Hospital, Dr. Khurana Hershey joined the faculty at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She now directs the Division of Asthma Research at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and is the Associate Director of the Physician Scientist Training Program at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

In addition to her clinical duties, Dr. Khurana Hershey directs an NIH-funded research program focused on the genetics and genomics of allergic inflammation with a focus on cytokines and signal transduction. She is the Principal Investigator of an NIH-funded Asthma and Allergic Diseases Cooperative Research Center (AADCRC) and serves on the AADCRC steering committee. This Center is focused on characterizing epithelial genes in allergic diseases, and delineating the mechanisms by which they contribute to the allergic response. She is also a co-investigator of the NIEHS-funded Cincinnati Childhood Asthma and Air Pollution Study, a birth cohort study designed to elucidate gene:environment interactions relevant to the development of allergic disease in early life. In addition to her research contributions, she is an outstanding clinician and teacher/mentor. Several of her trainees now hold academic faculty positions.

Dr. Khurana Hershey serves on the American Board of Allergy and Immunology. She is a fellow of the American Pediatric Society and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. She serves on the Executive Council of the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology Program Committee and is the Chair of the Genetics, Molecular Biology, and Epidemiology Committee. She serves on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology and on a regular NIH study section. She was recently named One of the Five Leading Women in Healthcare in the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Area, and Outstanding Woman at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

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