



Ohio Children's Hospital Association
Saving, protecting and enhancing children's lives

What Others Are Saying About the OCHA Research Collaborative Work:

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS):

"It is extremely gratifying to see other hospitals adapting the Ohio children's hospitals' treatment protocols related to babies born drug-dependent. We are proud to support this initiative which will help reduce infant mortality in Ohio and throughout the country."

-- George Barrett, Cardinal Health Chairman and CEO

Asthma:

"It is inspiring to see what can be done on a large scale to improve asthma care for children when a visionary Governor partners with dedicated researchers at children's hospitals. The OPAR work led by Dr. Hershey is not only important for the children of Ohio, but also demonstrates that such an undertaking can succeed, given the right support. Governor Kasich and the State of Ohio set a high standard and serve as a model for those of us working to manage populations of children with asthma and other chronic conditions in our own regions."

--Michael Artman, MD, Joyce C. Hall Distinguished Professor, Pediatrician-in-Chief, Executive Director of Research at Children's Mercy Hospital and Chairman, Department of Pediatrics at University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine University of Kansas School of Medicine

"The information gleaned from such a distinct and innovative effort should go a long way to improving asthma care and health of asthmatic children in Ohio....It is remarkable that the Ohio Governor and authorities are so forward looking regarding the health of Ohio's children. Similar programs have been started in Singapore and South Korea as the beginnings of a Personalized or Precision Medicine approach. None of the International programs are as advanced as the Ohio cooperative."

-- Lanny J. Rosenwasser, M.D., President, World Allergy Organization; Professor of Pediatrics, Allergy-Immunology Division, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri; Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine.

Pediatric Pneumonia:

"Pneumonia in infants and young children is one of the leading causes for illness and hospitalization in children in Ohio and all across the United States. Usually it is mild, but occasionally it can be severe and even require intensive care. The Ohio children's hospital collaborative will be the largest research effort ever undertaken to identify, in advanced molecular terms, infants who will likely develop severe pneumonia, those that need antibiotics and those that can go home with reassurance and observation. This is an exciting time for networked pediatric research in the state of Ohio. The spirit of collaboration is invigorating and the infrastructure to support pediatric research across the state is becoming increasingly sophisticated. "

-- John Barnard, MD, President, Research Institute, Ann I. Wolfe Endowed Chair in Pediatric Research, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Interim Chair, Department of Pediatrics, The Ohio State University College of Medicine

"Preventing pneumonia in children is an essential component of a strategy to reduce child mortality."

-- World Health Organization

