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Doctors Academy Parental Seminar Series

Guest Speaker: Mario F. Pérez, M.D., M.P.H.

Topic: E-cigarettes and Pulmonary Diseases

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Virtual Presentation: Cisco WebEx Access Website



Mario F. Perez, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine, UConn Health is originally from Colombia and he obtained his M.D. from the National University of Colombia. He trained in internal medicine at the University of Connecticut. After completing his residency, he practiced primary care at the Fair Haven Community Health Center in New Haven, CT for several years before pursuing fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital. During his fellowship he also obtained a Master of Public Health from the Yale School of Public Health and developed an interest in asthma and airway inflammation. Dr. Perez joined the faculty of the University of Connecticut in 2014.

In addition to his busy practice and academic responsibilities, Dr. Perez conducts translational research on the effects of e-cigarettes and other novel tobacco products on the airways and the respiratory system. His work has led to several peer reviewed publications on the effects of e-cigarettes in health, including the association of these products with conditions such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), markers of inflammation, and increased adolescent risk behavior. On a personal note, Dr. Perez is a parent of two teens who currently live in the state of Connecticut.