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## ALABAMA ASTHMA COALITION: ALABAMA ASTHMA SUMMIT 2025

Drs. Buckner, Curtiss, Gibson-Young, Korankyi, and Ms. Lyerly  
September 12, 2025 in Birmingham, AL 7:30am – 2:30pm CT



### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This is an in person annual Alabama Asthma Summit hosted by the Alabama Asthma Coalition. The Alabama Asthma Coalition is comprised of community members and healthcare professionals including nurses, respiratory therapists, certified asthma educators, physicians, and pharmacists who meet together once a month to discuss ways to improve asthma self management in Alabama. The Alabama Asthma Coalition seeks to improve existing gaps in asthma education and self management in adolescent and adult patient populations. Through expert presentations, collaborative working tracks, and an advocacy-focused panel, participants will explore strategies to improve asthma diagnosis, treatment access, and education—particularly in rural and underserved communities. There is no registration fee for this program.

Following registration, participants will have access to course instructions, updates, presentations, webinar link, program evaluation, CE certificates and credits, etc. **This program is approved for 1.75 ACPE Contact Hours, .175 CEUs.** Once credit is awarded, transcripts will be available online within 24 hours on the learner's CPE Monitor profile at <http://nabp.pharmacy/>. **This program is also approved by ABN.**

***The Office of Alumni and Professional Affairs strongly encourages each participant to check their profile online within 60 days of attendance to ensure credit has been awarded properly. ACPE will not accept CE submissions after 60 days from the live seminar date.***

*This program is offered in partnership with the Alabama Asthma Coalition. No commercial support has been received for this program.*

# TARGET AUDIENCE

This knowledge-based program is intended for Pharmacists (ACPE) and Nurses (ABN).

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1) Increase awareness of current asthma diagnosis challenges, medication updates, and clinical care advancements.
- 2) Promote best practices for school-based and community-based asthma education.
- 3) Strengthen advocacy efforts to expand stock albuterol programs and management of asthma.
- 4) Foster interdisciplinary collaboration between healthcare providers, schools, and community organizations to address social drivers of asthma health.

# ACTIVITY COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To complete the steps for CE credit, each attendee will be required to access and review program materials located within the online course, attend the live in-person program, enter the attendance code within the course that was provided at the conclusion of the program, complete the program evaluation within the online course, and claim credit within the course. Please contact [hcopce@auburn.edu](mailto:hcopce@auburn.edu) if you have any questions or needs related to this online CE program.

# FACULTY DISCLOSURES

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# ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

The Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider for continuing pharmacy education; credits are recognized nationwide. The Universal Activity Number for this knowledge-based program is 0001-9999-25-029-L01-P and is intended for pharmacists.

ABN - Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy is a Board approved provider of continuing nursing education in Alabama by the Alabama Board of Nursing. Provider Number: ABNP1515

# PROGRAM AGENDA

**7:30 – 8:30 AM** | Registration, Breakfast & Networking

**8:30 – 9:00 AM** | Welcome & Introductions - Linda Gibson-Young

**9:00 – 9:50 AM** | Diagnosing Asthma in Alabama: Updates & Challenges - Miranda Curtis

*Topics: Misdiagnosis patterns, diagnostic tools, rural pediatric asthma disparities*

**9:50 – 10:10 AM** | Extended Break

**10:10 – 11:00 AM** | What's New in Asthma Medications: Biologics & Beyond - Phillip Steele - **NON-CE**

*Topics: Biologics pipeline, rescue/controller updates, access in rural communities*

**11:00 – 11:30 AM** | Coalition Announcements & Updates

**12:00 – 1:20 PM** | Working Lunch:

Track A (12:20 – 12:40) – **Education**

*School-based asthma education, digital AAPs, school nurse needs*

o Facilitator: Ellen Buckner, Scribe: Al Keith

Track B (12:45 – 1:05) – **Clinical Care**

*Inhaler education, peak flow meters, EHR/documentation challenges*

o Facilitator: Kristen Korankyi, Scribe: Kristen Korankyi

Track C (1:10 – 1:30) – **Advocacy & Policy**

*Stock albuterol progress, family voice, Medicaid/ADPH collaboration*

o Facilitator: Ashley Lyerly, Scribe: Sajil Amin

**1:30 – 2:20 PM** | Expert Panel: “Beyond the Inhaler” - **NON-CE**

*Addressing social drivers of asthma disparities, Role of CHWs, mental health, and housing supports, Innovative school-home care models*

Facilitator: Linda Gibson-Young; Panelists: Kristen Korankyi (Pharmacist), Shelia Kidd (School Nurse)•

**2:20 PM** | Networking and Subcommittees, CE Evaluations

**2:30 PM** Adjourn

# PROGRAM FACULTY

**Ellen B. Buckner**, PhD, RN, CNE, AE-C, FNAP, is Professor of Nursing at Moffett & Sanders School of Nursing, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. She has served as President of the Alabama Academy of Science and Alabama Asthma Coalition. Dr. Buckner is a certified asthma educator (AE-C) and has developed asthma camps and school-based asthma self-management programs for 20 years. In 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic she founded the interprofessional Virtual Young Teen Asthma & Wellness Camp, Inc. (YTAWC). She continues to seek opportunities for program expansion to rural populations in Alabama. Dr. Buckner has received the UAB Ingalls Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching (2005) and Association of Asthma Educators' Humanitarian and Outstanding Asthma Community Service Award (2020).

**Miranda Curtiss** is an assistant professor of medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care at the University of Alabama Birmingham and a staff physician in Allergy/Immunology at the Birmingham VA Medical Center. She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as an undergraduate, receiving a BS in Biochemistry and BA in Biology. She completed a postbaccalaureate year at NIH-NIAID (Laboratory of Immunogenetics). She then completed her MD/PhD at the University of Iowa with a Ph.D. in Immunology in the laboratory of Paul Rothman. She was accepted into the ABIM Research Track at UAB where she completed her residency and a dual fellowship training in Allergy/Immunology and Pulmonary.. She is director of the Severe Asthma clinic at UAB Kirklin pulmonary clinic.

**Linda Gibson-Young** has an exciting academic background in population health with a focus on pediatrics. Her work actively engages undergraduate and graduate students in outreach and research. Dr. Gibson-Young has a Ph.D. in nursing, an MBA, and is certified as a family nurse practitioner (ANCC). In 2021, she received the Distinguished Fellow of the National Academies of Practice in Nursing. In 2016, she became a Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) and a Leadership for Academic Nursing Program (LANP) Fellow with the American Association of Colleges in Nursing (AACN). In 2015, she received the Outstanding Research Award from The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF). Collaborative and interdisciplinary teams partner with Dr. Gibson-Young's outreach and research across Alabama.

**Kristen A. Korankyi**, Pharm.D., M.S.Ed is a heterosexual cis-gender African American female who goes by She/Her/Her's pronouns. She is a second generation Ghanaian American born and raised in the United States who speaks English as a first language and Twi as a second language with passive fluency. She is able bodied, of petite stature, and neurotypical. She has lived a privileged upper middle-class life with both parents in healthcare who have achieved advanced college degrees in their fields, one parent as a pharmacist and the other as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. She is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice and specializes in ambulatory care pharmacy/family medicine. In her position, she is an educator to students at the Harrison College of Pharmacy and to her patients as part of the USA Family Medicine Clinic. Korankyi's responsibilities within HCOP include teaching within the practice ready curriculum, contributing to scholarly work, and advising students. At the Family Medicine Clinic, she functions as an ambulatory care pharmacist who provides counseling and optimizes medication therapy to patients with primary care disease states such as diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and obesity management. A graduate of the High Point University Fred Wilson School of Pharmacy, Korankyi received her Pharm.D. in 2021. She went on to complete a two-year pharmacy practice and academic leadership residency at Concordia University, Wisconsin. While there, she also completed a master of science in education in teaching and learning.

**Ashley Lyerly** serves as the Senior Director of Advocacy for the American Lung Association. She leads advocacy activities on tobacco control, healthy air, and other lung health issues across the Southeast. She has managed numerous initiatives to improve tobacco control policies at the state and local level, including various campaigns to eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke. She strongly advocates on access to care and healthy air issues and is voice for lung disease patients in state legislatures. Prior to joining the American Lung Association in 2011, Ashley was a Project Facilitator for United Way of Central Alabama addressing tobacco control and prevention strategies. In addition to her previous work in tobacco control, she has a background working on financial stability issues with the low to moderate income population as the Manager of Workforce Development and Financial Stability for United Way Worldwide. Ashley Lyerly has a Bachelors of Arts in Urban Studies from Rhodes College and a Masters of Public Administration from the George Washington University.

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