

Faculty Bio

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Michael E. Wechsler is Professor of Medicine and Director of the Asthma Program in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at National Jewish Health in Denver. He is board certified in both Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Professor Wechsler's research focuses on clinical and translational asthma with emphasis on clinical trials in asthma, novel asthma therapies, bronchial thermoplasty, asthma pharmacogenomics, and management of eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Churg-Strauss Syndrome, CSS). He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts relating to asthma, CSS, and eosinophilic lung diseases.

Professor Wechsler is a member of the Steering Committee and site Principal Investigator of the NIH-sponsored Asthma Clinical Research Network (ACRN, now called AsthmaNet), a multicenter asthma clinical trials consortium. He has served as Principal Investigator of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)-sponsored ACRN LARGE trial, Partners Genetics Enters Medicine Initiative-funded GABLE trial and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)-funded Blacks and Exacerbations on LABA or Tiotropium (BELT) trial. He is currently serving as Principal Investigator of an NHLBI sponsored study of asthma therapies in African Americans that examines race-specific differences in response to asthma therapy. He is also leading an National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)-sponsored study exploring anti-interleukin 5 in CSS.

A member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation, Professor Wechsler has participated in many different task forces related to the study of eosinophilic lung diseases that were sponsored by the NIH, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the European Respiratory Society and the International Eosinophil Society. Professor Wechsler also serves as Associate Editor of the Journal *Allergy* and is on the editorial board of the *European Journal of Clinical Investigation*. Dr. Wechsler received AB and MMSc degrees from Harvard University in Boston and an MD degree from McGill University in Montreal.