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Particle Deposition and Small Airways In Asthma

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Learning Objectives

- Understand the Concept of Particle Deposition
- Understand How Particle Size Impacts Deposition of Inhaled Asthma Medications
- Understand the Relationship of Particle Size and Deposition to Physiologic Responses of Small Airways

Characterization of aerosol output from various
nebulizer/compressor combinations

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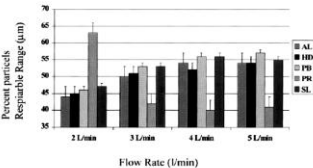
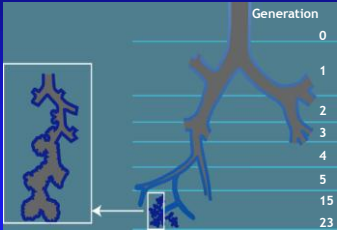


Figure 4. Mean percentage of particles in respirable range by nebulizer and flow rate. Percentage of particles in the respirable range (1 to 5 µm) was measured during continuous nebulization to the point where the nebulizer output fell 8-fold. AL = AirLife Misty Nebulizer; HD = Hudson Micromist; PB = Pari LC Jet; SL = Salter 8900.

Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.
2001 May;88(5):666-74.

The Disease Process in Asthma is Located in All Parts of
the Bronchial Tree, Small Airways and Alveoli.



Workgroup Inhaler Technology, Jan 1999

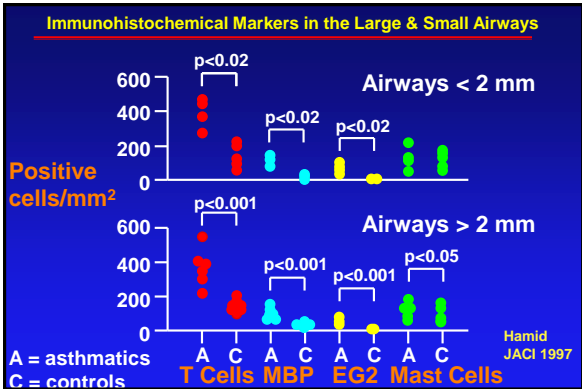
Small Airway Inflammation in Asthma: Background

- Inflammation and airway remodeling in asthma extends into the small airways (< 2 mm diameter).
- This small airway inflammation may contribute to difficult-to-control asthma.

Inflammation of Small Airways in Asthma

Q Hamid et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol 1997;100:44-51

Surgical lung specimens from 6 patients with asthma and 10 controls were examined. There was a similar inflammatory process present in the peripheral (<2mm diameter) compared with the central airways.



Difficult-to-Control Vs. Stable Asthmatics

- There were no significant differences in lung function except increased closing volume and closing capacity in the difficult to treat asthmatics.
- “This is indicative of small airway pathology in these patients”
- “Delivery of anti-inflammatory medication to the small airways in this subgroup is of specific clinical relevance”.

AJRCCM 2000;161:1902-6

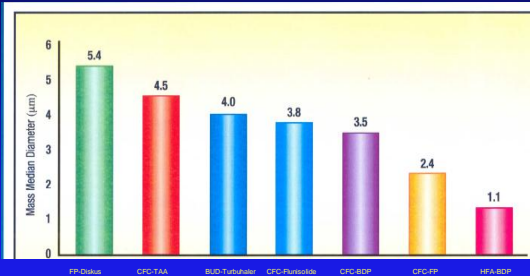
Andersen Sampler Simulates Human Respiratory System

STAGE 0	11+	Oropharynx
STAGE 1	7.0-11.0	Oropharynx
STAGE 2	4.7-7.0	Oropharynx
STAGE 3	3.3-4.7	Trachea and primary bronchi
STAGE 4	2.1-3.3	Secondary bronchi
STAGE 5	1.1-2.1	Terminal bronchi
STAGE 6	0.65-1.1	Respiratory bronchioles
STAGE 7	0.43-0.65	Alveoli

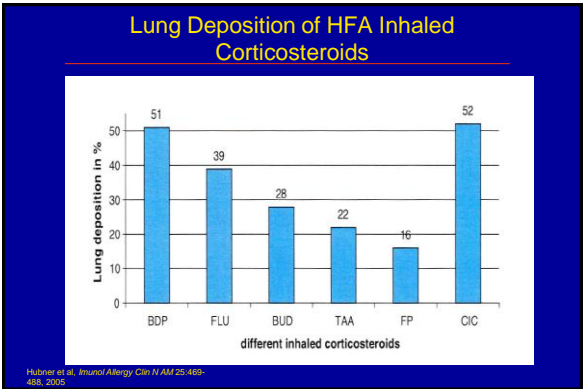
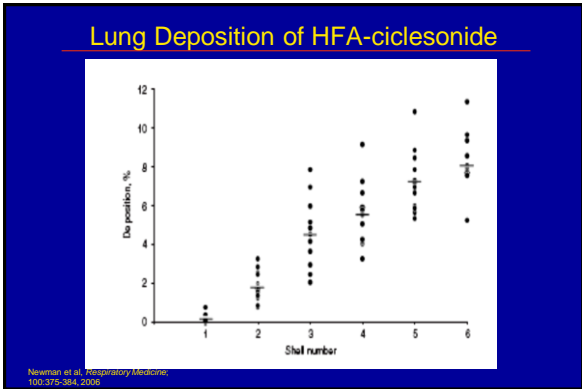
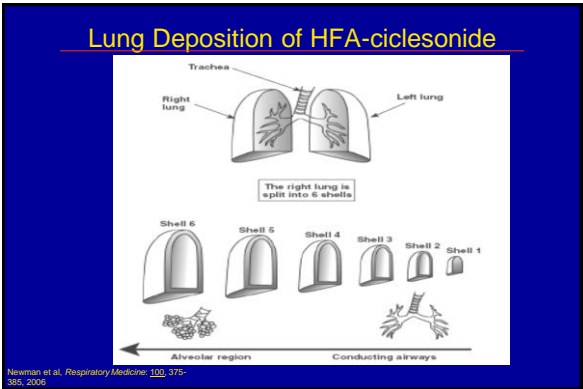
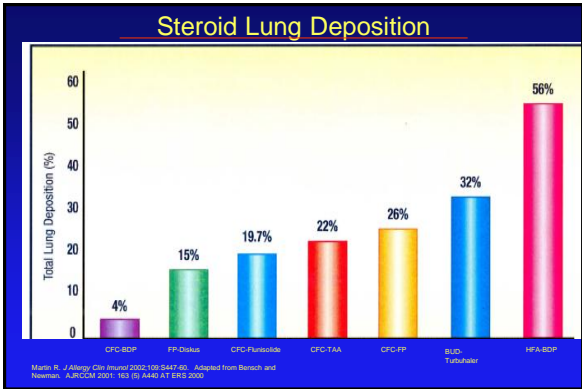


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Steroid Particle Size



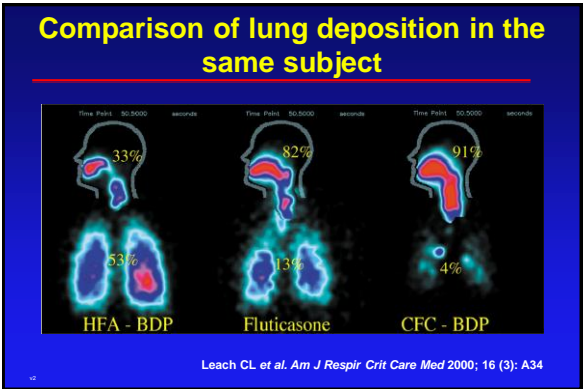
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Adapted from Edwards and Newman. AJRCCM 2001;163:35.
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Study Design

- Crossover design
- 9 healthy subjects aged 18-52 years
- Randomized to receive inhaled technetium-99m labeled
 - HFA-beclomethasone
 - CFC-fluticasone
 - CFC-beclomethasone

Leach CL et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2000; 161(1):131-134



Conclusions

- HFA-BDP is evenly distributed throughout the lungs and therefore reaches all sites of inflammation
- CFC-fluticasone is deposited primarily in the large and intermediate airways
- CFC-BDP is deposited almost exclusively in the large airways

Hydrofluoroalkane-134a
Beclomethasone or
Chlorofluorocarbon Fluticasone:
Effect on Small Airways in Poorly
Controlled Asthma

Torpong Thongngarm, MD, Philip E Silkoff, MD, William S Kossack MS,
Harold S. Nelson, MD. J Asthma 2005;42:257-63

Study Design

Randomized, Open Label, Parallel Group

Visit 1 Day 1 Visit 2 Week 6 Visit 3 Week 12

Asthma not controlled on med-high dose ICS

Randomization

HFA-BDP N= (20) 160 mcg twice daily

CFC-FP N=(10) 220 mcg am 110 mcg pm

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Study Design

Endpoints

	Screening Period	Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3
<u>Pre-Bronchodilator</u>				
Spirometry	X	X	X	X
Closing volume	X			X
<u>Post-Bronchodilator (albuterol x 2 Puffs)</u>				
Spirometry	X			X
Plethysmography	X			X

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Results: Patient Demographics

	HFA-BDP (20)	CFC-FP (9)
FEV ₁	59%	55%
FEV ₂₅₋₇₅	33%	28%
RV	196%	205%
CV (L)	0.51	0.57
CV/VC	18	16
ICS (med/high)	5/15	3/6
Albuterol P/D	4	0.4
Asthma score	4	1.3

p < 0.05

p = .11

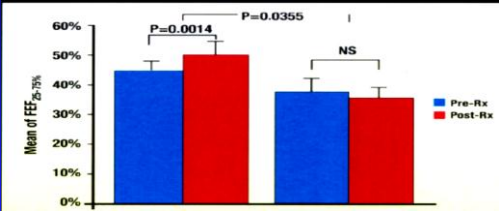
Exacerbations

- During the blinded period 5/20 subjects receiving HFA-BDP and 0/10 receiving CFC-FP experienced exacerbations treated with prednisone.
- Subjects were tested at least one month following their last prednison.
- Post-treatment parameters in these 5 subjects fell within +/- one SD of those of the other 15 HFA-BDP subjects.

Results: Pulmonary Function

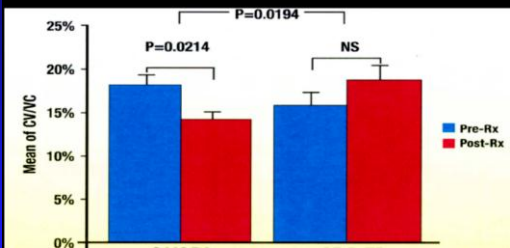
Parameter	HFA-BDP			CFC-FP		
	Pre	Post	p	Pre	Post	p (BvF)
CV (L)	.51	.44		.57	.76	<.005
CV/VC	18	14.2	(.02)	15.8	18.8	<.02
RV%	196	184	(.05)	205	205	
FEV ₁ Post Br Dil	67.6	71.9	(.02)	66.4	67	
FEF ₂₅₋₇₅ (post)	42.5	51	(.002)	36.6	36	<.04

Clinical Results
FEF 25%-75% Post Bronchodilator



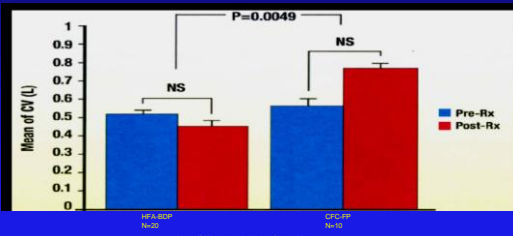
*Patients on HFA-BDP showed significant improvement in FEF25-75% pre-bronchodilator (P=0.0016) and post-bronchodilator (P=0.0014).
*There was no significant change in FEF25-75% pre-bronchodilator and post-bronchodilator in the CFC-fluticasone (CFC-FP) group.
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Small Airway Patency
Closing Volume/Vital Capacity (CV/VC)
Pre-bronchodilator



*Patients on HFA-BDP showed a significant decrease of 3.5% in pre-bronchodilator closing volumetric capacity CV/VC ratio (P=0.0214).
*The CFC-fluticasone (CFC-FP) group recorded a mean increase of 3.5% (P=0.34).
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Small Airway Patency
Closing Volume/Vital Capacity (CV/L)
Pre-bronchodilator



*Patients on HFA-BD tended toward a mean decrease in closing volume.
*Patients on CFC-fluticasone tended towards an increase in closing volume.
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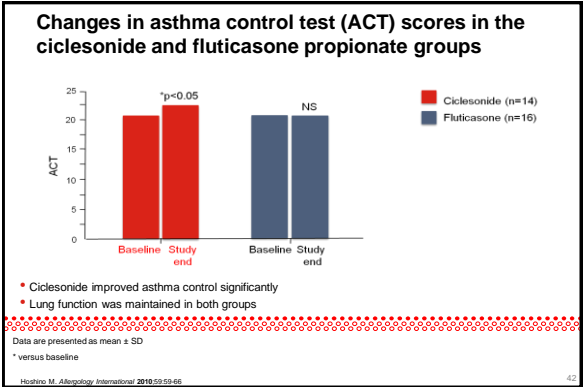
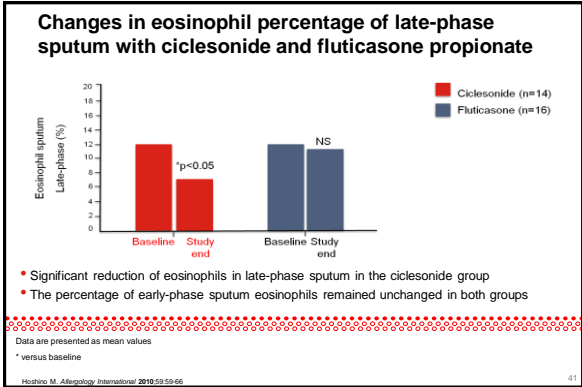
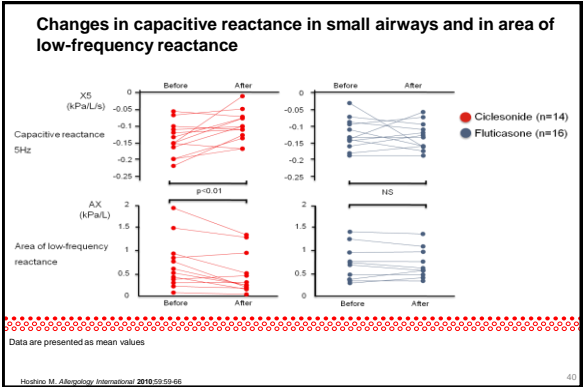
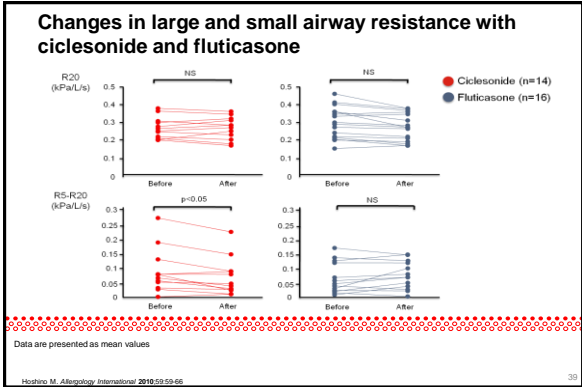
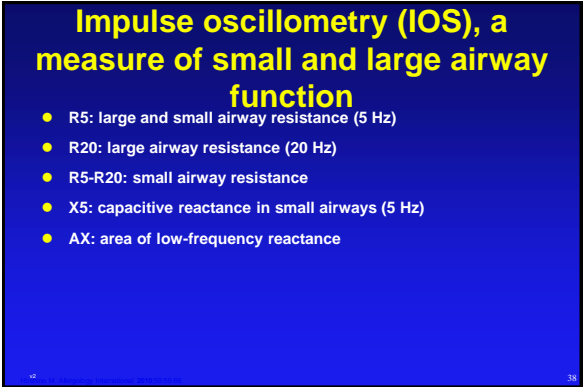
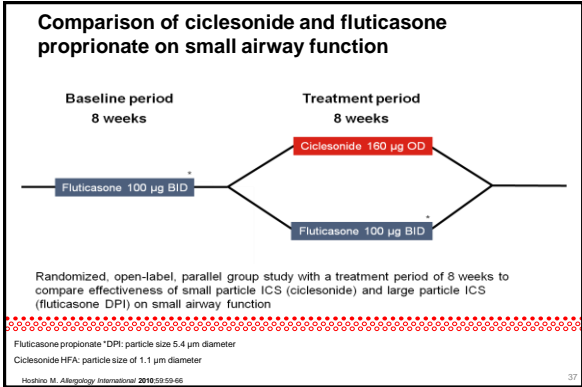
Results: Diary & Peak Flows

Parameter	HFA-BDP		p(B)	CFC-FP		p(BvF)
	pre	post		pre	post	
AM-PEF	303	333	(.04)	300	301	NS
Phlegm	2	.14	(.05)	0	1	<.03
Albuterol use	4	.28	(.02)	.4	0	<.05

Conclusions

In patients with moderate to severe persistent asthma who were not adequately controlled on medium to high doses of inhaled corticosteroids.

The addition of HFA-BDP provided greater effects than the addition of a similar dose of CFC-FP on small airway parameters



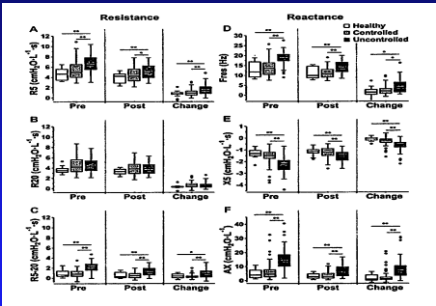
Summary and conclusions

- Ciclesonide improves small airway function and inflammation
- In mild patients pre-treated with fluticasone DPI, asthma control improved significantly if switched to the small particle ICS ciclesonide
- This study provides evidence that IOS and late-phase induced sputum allows detection of changes in the small airways that can not be detected by spirometry

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The Utility of Forced Expiratory Flow between 25% and 75% of Vital Capacity in Predicting Childhood Asthma Morbidity and Severity

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	All subjects (n = 744)	Normal spirometry ^a (n = 35)	Low FEV ₁ /FVC ^b (n = 36)	Low FEF ₂₅₋₇₅ ^c (n = 37)
Age at testing (years)				
10-12	39% (288)	34% (2)	36% (13)	38% (14)
13-15	38% (285)	20% (7)	25% (9)	14% (5)
16-18	23% (173)	46% (16)	39% (14)	48% (18)
Gender				
Male	54% (399)	49% (17)	50% (18)	49% (18)
Race				
White	86% (637)	66% (23)	64% (23)	62% (23)
Black	10% (74)	23% (8)	22% (8)	22% (8)
Latino	3% (25)	11% (4)	14% (5)	16% (6)
Asian	1% (6)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (0)

TABLE 4.—Severity and morbidity of subjects with normal FEV₁, low FEV₁/FVC, and low FEF₂₅₋₇₅ in age, race, gender-matched controls.

	Normal spirometry ^a (n = 35)	Low FEV ₁ /FVC ^b (n = 36)	Low FEF ₂₅₋₇₅ ^c (n = 37)
Severity of asthma			
Mild	72% (26)	39% (14)	19% (7)
Moderate	19% (7)	47% (17)	54% (20)
Severe persistent	8% (21)	14% (5)	27% (10)
Clinical history			
Hospitalizations	20% (7)	19% (7)	30% (11)
ICU admissions	3% (1)	8% (21)	8% (21)
Scruids	38% (10)	50% (18)	60% (22)
ED visits	25% (9)	33% (12)	46% (17)
Exacerbations	25% (9)	60% (22)	70% (26)
Use of controller	69% (25)	100% (36)	95% (35)

Notes: Groups are age, race, gender-matched. FEF₂₅₋₇₅, forced expiratory flow between 25% and 75% of vital capacity; FEV₁, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; FVC, forced vital capacity; ICU, intensive care unit; ED, emergency department.
^aNormal FEV₁, FEV₁/FVC, and FEF₂₅₋₇₅.
^bNormal FEV₁, low FEV₁/FVC, and normal FEF₂₅₋₇₅.
^cNormal FEV₁, low FEV₁/FVC, and low FEF₂₅₋₇₅.

