

Deborah Fending has 33 years experience as a registered nurse. She has held numerous positions at National Jewish Health and is currently the staff development nurse. She has managed the skin test lab and provided telephonic education and facilitated admissions on Lung Line®, an award-winning national health hotline. Deborah also speaks nationally on the topics of asthma, allergy, and COPD. She teaches the Asthma Educator Review Course at the Allied Health Conference. She regularly teaches formal asthma education, and intimacy and chronic illness classes for the patients at NJH. As the nurse coordinator/training supervisor for the Colorado Asthma Toolkit and Colorado COPD Toolkit programs as well as an Atopic Dermatitis project she assisted with program content development and presented course material in the live group trainings. She conducts follow-up visits in physician offices in Colorado to assist them in providing guideline-based asthma, COPD and atopic dermatitis care. Deborah received her Associate Degree in nursing from Niagara County Community College in Sanborn, New York. She is currently enrolled in a BSN program. She is NIOSH certified as well as being a certified asthma educator.