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Dr. Bender has been Head of the Division of Pediatric Behavioral Health at National Jewish Health in Denver, Colorado, since 1979. He is also Head of the Pediatric Neuropsychology Assessment Service and Co-Director of the Center for Health Promotion at National Jewish Health. He earned his masters and doctorate degrees in psychology from the University of Wisconsin, followed by a fellowship in child development at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

Dr. Bender's wide-ranging research interests encompass such topics as patient nonadherence to medications, the psychological side effects of asthma medications, neuropsychological deficits in children with asthma, the effects of chronic illness on psychological development, and sleep disturbance in allergy and disease. He has been a principal investigator for many of these studies, under research grants from the NIH, the COPD Foundation, industry, and state divisions of public health. He is currently involved with NHLBI studies on improving pediatric asthma management among Navajo Nation children and with initiatives to improve adult asthma outcomes (Breathewell Program) and identify patients with undiagnosed COPD in the primary care setting (CAPTURE Study). His research is reported in more than 200 peer-reviewed articles, and he is the author of more than 35 book chapters. He is on the editorial board of 4 major journals in his field.

Over the years, Dr. Bender has been a recognized presence at national and international meetings, making multiple presentations at conferences of the American Thoracic Society, AAAAI, and others. He is a member of the American Thoracic Society, AAAAI (fellow), the American Psychological Association, the International Neuropsychological Society, and the COPD Foundation.

He has been honored with AAAAI's Harold S. Nelson Lectureship (2017) and the Robert J. Becker Lectureship (2016). The American Thoracic Society, at its 2009 Behavioral Science Assembly, presented him with its Lifetime Achievement award, and he also received a Lifetime Achievement award from Klinefelter Syndrome & Associates in 2008.