#### Wheezers, Coughers, & Judicious use of liquid gold (Orapred)!

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#### Objectives

- Review diagnoses/differentials
- Review asthma guidelines
- Review asthma triggers
- Discuss when to refer to pediatric pulmonology

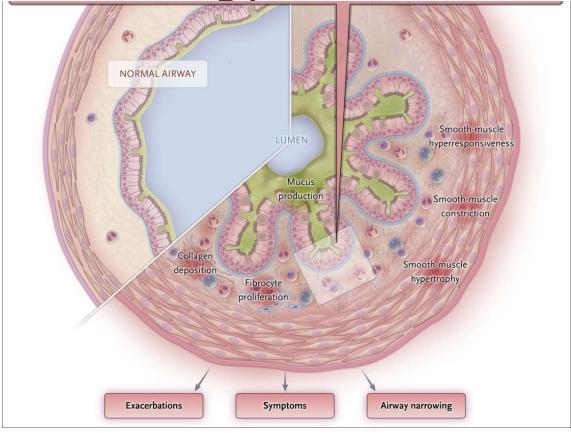


#### Definition of Asthma

- History of variable respiratory symptoms
  - Cough, Wheeze, SOB, Chest tightness
  - Typically have more than one symptom (sx)
  - Sx vary over time, and vary in intensity
  - Sx worsen at night
  - Triggered by colds, allergies, exercise, cold air, weather changes, smoke, laughter
- "Chronic reversible small airways obstruction"

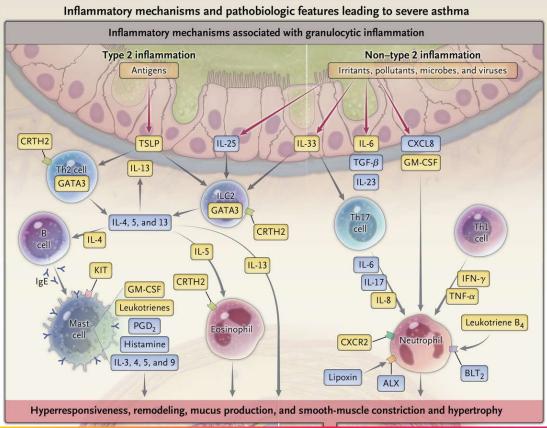
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Definition continued...

- Evidence of variable expiratory flow limitation
  - FEV<sub>1</sub> and FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ratio are both reduced
  - FEV<sub>1</sub> increases by:
    - 12% and 200 mL (adults); 12% (children)
  - After bronchodilator at the time of diagnosis
  - After 4 weeks anti-inflammatory therapy



Differentials for "Cough"

- Upper airway cough syndrome (post-nasal drip)/Sinusitis
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Reflux
- Vocal cord dysfunction
- Eosinophilic bronchitis
- Cough variant asthma



Asthma Guidelines

- NHLBI
  - Expert Panel Report
  - Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma
    - EPR 1 1991
    - EPR 2 1997
    - EPR 2 Update 2002
    - EPR 3 2007
      - 440 pages

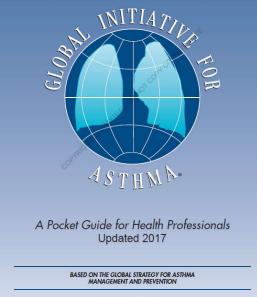


National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute



#### POCKET GUIDE FOR ASTHMA MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION

(for Adults and Children Older than 5 Years)



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## Guideline Implementation Panel (GIP) 2008

#### Summary of GIP Priority Messages and the Underlying EPR-3 Recommendations\*

#### **MESSAGE:** Inhaled Corticosteroids

Inhaled corticosteriods are the most effective medications for long-term management of persistent asthma, and should be utilized by patients and clinicians as is recommended in the guidelines for control of asthma.

**EPR-3 Recommendation:** The Expert Panel recommends that long-term control medications be taken on a long-term basis to achieve and maintain control of persistent asthma, and that inhaled corticosteroids (ICSs) are the most potent and consistently effective long-term control medication for asthma. (Evidence A).

#### MESSAGE: Asthma Control

At planned followup visits, asthma patients should review level of control with their health care provider based on multiple measures of current impairment and future risk in order to guide clinician decisions to either maintain or adjust therapy.

**EPR-3 Recommendation:** The Expert Panel recommends that every patient who has asthma be taught to recognize symptom patterns and/or Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF) measures that indicate inadequate asthma control and the need for additional therapy (Evidence A), and that control be routinely monitored to assess whether the goals of therapy are being met – that is, whether impairment and risk are reduced (Evidence B).



#### GIP Messages continued...

#### **MESSAGE:** Asthma Action Plan

All people who have asthma should receive a written asthma action plan to guide their self-management efforts.

**EPR-3 Recommendation:** The Expert Panel recommends that all patients who have asthma be provided a written asthma action plan that includes instructions for: (1) daily treatment (including medications and environmental controls), and (2) how to recognize and handle worsening asthma (Evidence B).

#### **MESSAGE:** Followup Visits

Patients who have asthma should be scheduled for planned followup visits at periodic intervals in order to assess their asthma control and modify treatment if needed.

**EPR-3 Recommendation:** The Expert Panel recommends that monitoring and follow up is essential (Evidence B), and that the stepwise approach to therapy – in which the dose and number of medications and frequency of administration are increased as necessary (Evidence A) and decreased when possible (Evidence C, D) be used to achieve and maintain asthma control.



## GIP messages continued...

#### **MESSAGE:** Asthma Severity

All patients should have an initial severity assessment based on measures of current impairment and future risk in order to determine type and level of initial therapy needed.

**EPR-3 Recommendation:** The Expert Panel recommends that once a diagnosis of asthma is made, clinicians classify asthma severity using the domains of current impairment (Evidence B) and future risk (Evidence C, and D\*) for guiding decisions in selecting initial therapy.

\*Note: While there is not strong evidence from clinical trials for determining therapy based on the domain of future risk, the Expert Panel considers that this is an important domain for clinicians to consider due to the strong association between history of exacerbations and the risk for future exacerbations.

#### MESSAGE: Allergen and Irritant Exposure Control

Clinicians should review each patient's exposure to allergens and irritants and provide a multipronged strategy to reduce exposure to those allergens and irritants to which a patient is sensitive and exposed, i.e., that make the patient's asthma worse.

# **EPR-3 Recommendation:** The Expert Panel recommends that patients who have asthma at any level of severity be queried about exposure to inhalant allergens, particularly indoor inhalant allergens (Evidence A), tobacco smoke and other irritants (Evidence C), and be advised as to their potential effect on the patient's asthma. The Expert Panel recommends that allergen avoidance requires a multifaceted, comprehensive approach that focuses on the allergens and irritants to which the patient is sensitive and exposed – individual steps alone are generally ineffective (Evidence A).



# Asthma Symptom Control

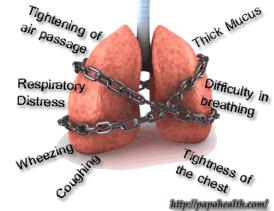
ACT, ACQ, etc.

In the past 4 weeks:

- Daytime sx > 2x / week
- Any night awakenings
- Reliever needed > 2x/week
- Any activity limitation

Scores: Well controlled = None Partly controlled = 1 or 2 of above Uncontrolled = 3 or 4 of above

What is Asthma





#### Risks for Poor Outcome (exacerbation)

- Uncontrolled symptoms
- Absent ICS
  - No Rx; poor adherence; poor technique
- High SABA use (>200 puffs/mo)
- Low  $FEV_1$  (esp. if < 60% predicted)
- Psychosocial issues
- Smoking; allergen exposure
- Obesity; rhinitis; sinusitis; food allergy
- Sputum or blood eosinophilia
- Pregnancy
- History of ICU care or intubation
- Hx of severe exacerbation in past year

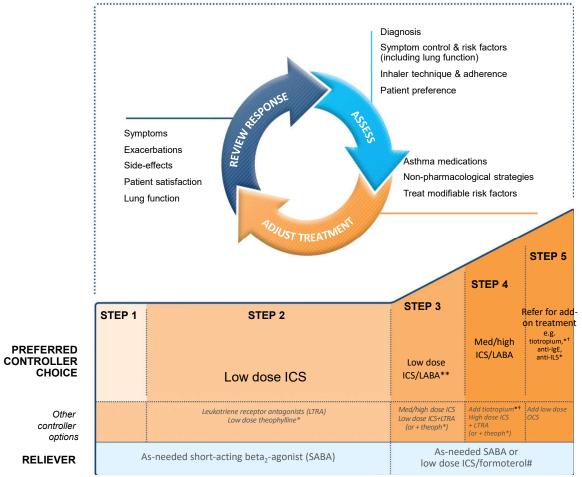


**Risk factors for Fixed Obstruction** 

- Lack of ICS
- Tobacco exposure
- Chemical exposure
- Chronic mucus hypersecretion
- Eosinophilia









#### **Treatment Goals**

- Control symptoms and reduce risk
  - All patients need reliever medication
  - Most patients need controller medication
  - Address modifiable risk factors
  - Non-pharmacological options



## Case Study 1

Lila is a 2 month old infant former 24 weeker presents to your office with a 7 day history of nighttime cough.

- No runny nose
- Mild nasal congestion
- Afebrile, eating and stooling normally
- Cough also noted after feedings
- Lung exam is normal
- Increased spitting after eating
- Sleeping in car seat seems to lessen symptoms



## Case Study 2

- Aaron is a 6 year old atopic boy with recurrent wheezing noted with every pulmonary illness.
  - Family history of asthma, allergy, eczema
  - Treated with albuterol by PCP and symptoms never fully resolve
  - Symptoms not noted with exercise
  - Oral steroids improve symptoms and typically requires 3-4 courses per YEAR.
  - Already on antihistamine
  - Father has been vaping inside the home as he tries to quit smoking cigarettes
  - Family lives on a farm and burns their trash. Multiple animal exposures.



## What would you do?

- Add inhaled steroid
  - (Fluticasone, Mometasone) are both ideal as they are MDI's and would require the use of a spacer allowing better absorption.
  - Strength/Dosing options vary for each medication
  - Fluticasone: 44 mcg, 110 mcg, 220 mcg
  - Mometasone: 100 mcg, 200 mcg

Unfortunately formulary's will dictate which medication can be used.



How would you treat him during illness?

- Aaron presents with 2 week history of cough, wheezing, nasal drainage, post nasal drip.
  - Family has been giving Fluticasone 110 mcg 2 puffs twice a day with spacer, Albuterol 4-6 puffs every 4 hours with spacer, and over the counter decongestant.
  - Lung exam significant for expiratory wheezing
  - Fever of 101 for the last 2 days, flu -



## True or False

 You should always STOP controller medications (ICS or ICS/laba) when starting oral steroids.



## Case study 3

- Nya' is a 12 year old girl with asthma diagnosed since infancy. She presents to your office with new onset hemoptysis, congested cough, SOB despite use of ICS/LABA & bronchodilator.
  - Lung exam with poor air exchange, faint wheezes
  - Chest x-ray is whited out
  - Oxygen saturation is 88%
  - Febrile with Tmax 102
  - Flu and Resp Path Panel -



## History is key!

- You have already called Mobilecare/EMS as you stabilize her for transport.
- What other information do you need to know?



Triggers for acute attack...

- Compliance? Using spacer?
- New medications?
- Illicit drugs?
- Vaping, e-cig use, etc?
- Inhaling other agents?
- Ask friends and siblings, as parents may not be aware.



## True or False

#### All asthmatics wheeze.

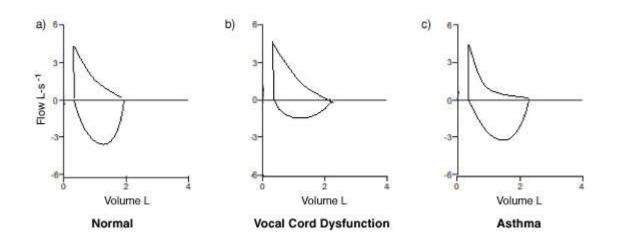


#### Case Study 4

- JJ is a 16 yo male. Wrestles, plays soccer and is an honor student. Referred for severe cough.
  - Lung exam completely normal
  - Spirometry normal, but expiratory flow loop is flat
  - Cough is present only during waking hours
  - Cough is typically started around high stress events
  - Cough with forceful exhalation and high pitched honking characteristics
  - JJ has a history of anxiety, but has recently stopped medication
  - JJ does not get along with his step-mother



## **Pulmonary Function Test**





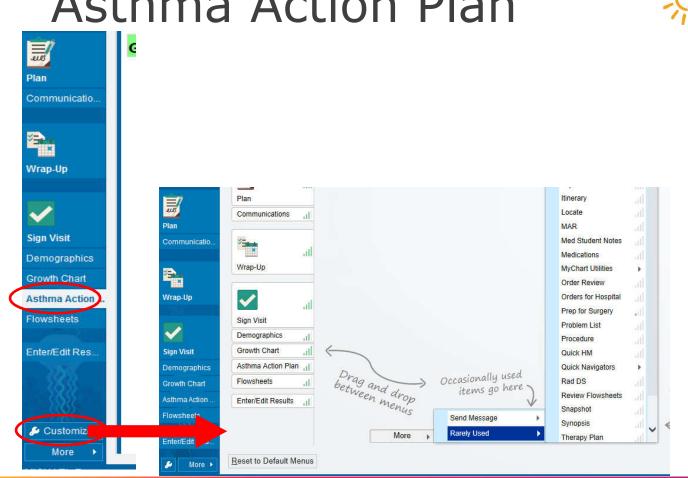
## Vocal Cord Dysfunction

Intervention with breathing exercises and referral to speech therapy and Voice Clinic is imperative. The key with this diagnosis is that the family must understand the child is NOT doing it on purpose.



## When do you refer?

- Recurrent pneumonia
- Difficulty maintaining control of asthma
- Exacerbation requiring repeated ER visits or hospitalization
- Recurrent wheezing or cough
- Pulmonary Function testing
- Use or oral steroids more than 2 x/year
- See our webpage for more information: http://ghschildrens.org/specialists/pediatric-pulmonology/



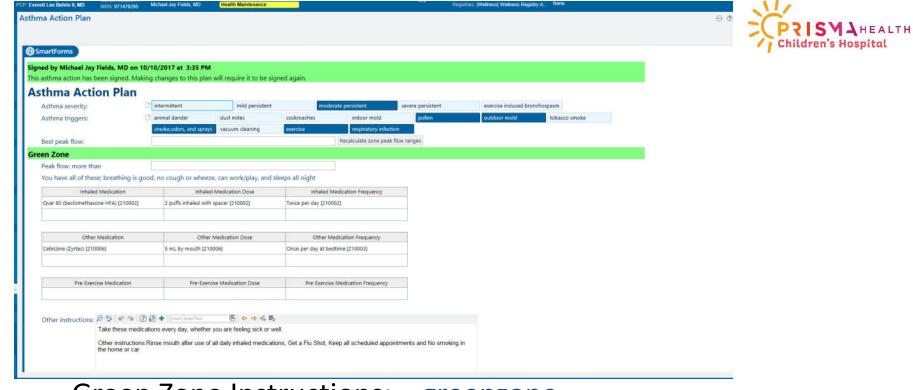
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Other instructions: Rinse mouth after use of all daily inhaled medications, Get a Flu Shot, Keep all scheduled appointments and No smoking in the home or car



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#### **Red Zone**

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You have any of these: medicine is not helping, breathing is hard and fast, nose opens wide, cannot walk or talk well, ribs show

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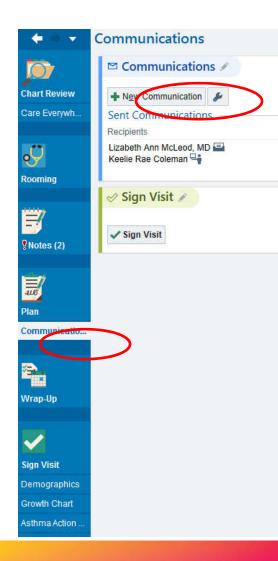
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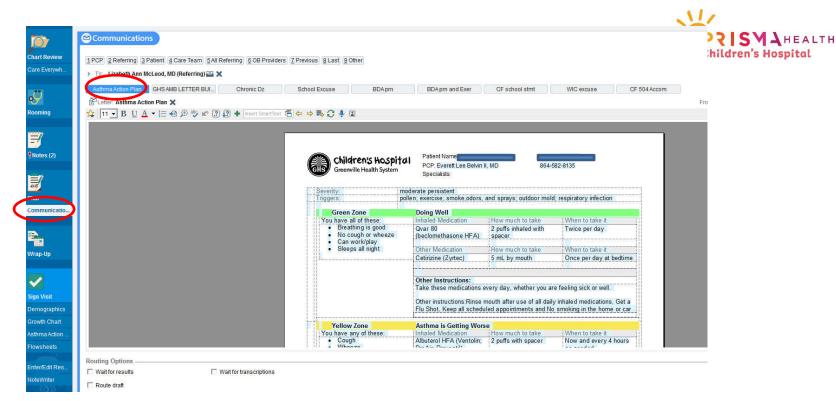
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Seventy: Triggers



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moderate persistent pollen; exercise; smoke,odors, and sprays; outdoor mold; respiratory infection

Patient Name

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Youl	nave all of these:	
	Breathing is good	
	No cough or wheeze	
	Can work/play	
	Sleeps all night	

Cetirizine (Zyrtec)	5 mL by mouth	Once per day at bedtime
Other Medication	How much to take	When to take it
Qvar 80 (beclomethasone HFA)	2 puffs inhaled with spacer	Twice per day
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#### Other Instructions: Take these medications every day, whether you are feeling sick or well.

Other instructions:Rinse mouth after use of all daily inhaled medications, Get a Flu Shot, Keep all scheduled appointments and No smoking in the home or car

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<ul> <li>Tight chest</li> </ul>	Albuterol neb	nebulized treatment	Now and every 4 hours as
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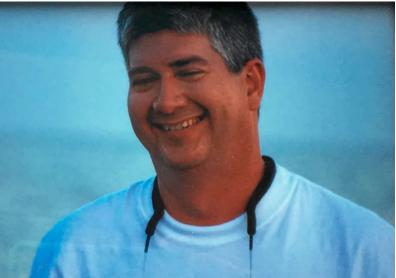
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## Thanks so much!









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