

ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Take me when you visit your doctor



PATIENT NAME

PLAN DATE REVIEW DATE

DOCTOR DETAILS

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME PHONE

RELATIONSHIP

WELL CONTROLLED is all of these...

- needing reliever medication no more than 2 days/week
- no asthma at night
- no asthma when I wake up
- can do all my activities

Peak Flow reading (if used) above

I NEED TO...

TAKE preventer day night

name puffs/inhalations puffs/inhalations

- Use my preventer, even when well controlled
- Use my spacer with my puffer

TAKE reliever

name puffs/inhalations as needed

puffs/inhalations 15 minutes before exercise

- Always carry my reliever medication

FLARE-UP is any of these...

needing reliever medication more than usual OR days/week

woke up overnight with asthma

had asthma when I woke up

can't do all my activities

Peak Flow reading (if used) between and

my triggers and symptoms

I NEED TO...

TAKE preventer day night

name puffs/inhalations puffs/inhalations

for days then back to Well Controlled dose

TAKE reliever

name puffs/inhalations as needed

START other medication

name dose for days

MAKE an appointment to see my doctor **this week**

SEVERE is any of these...

reliever medication not lasting 3 hours

woke up frequently overnight with asthma

had asthma when I woke up

difficulty breathing

Peak Flow reading (if used) between and

my triggers and symptoms

I NEED TO...

TAKE preventer day night

name puffs/inhalations puffs/inhalations

for days then back to Well Controlled dose

TAKE reliever

name puffs/inhalations as needed

START other medication

name dose for days

MAKE an appointment to see my doctor **TODAY**

- If unable to see my doctor, visit a hospital

If unable to see my doctor/hospital:

START other medication

name dose for days

EMERGENCY is any of these...

reliever medication not working

can't speak a full sentence

extreme difficulty breathing

feel asthma is out of control

lips turning blue

Peak Flow reading (if used) below

I NEED TO...

- CALL AMBULANCE NOW**
Dial Triple Zero (000)
- START ASTHMA FIRST AID**
Turn page for Asthma First Aid

ASTHMA FIRST AID

Blue/Grey Reliever

Airomir, Asmol, Ventolin or Zempreon and Bricanyl

Blue/grey reliever medication is unlikely to harm, even if the person does not have asthma



DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000) FOR AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY IF THE PERSON:

- is not breathing
- suddenly becomes worse or is not improving
- is having an asthma attack and a reliever is not available
- is unsure if it is asthma
- **is known to have anaphylaxis. ALWAYS GIVE ADRENALINE AUTOINJECTOR FIRST, and then Reliever even if there are no skin symptoms**

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SIT THE PERSON UPRIGHT

- Be calm and reassuring
- Do not leave them alone

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GIVE 4 SEPARATE PUFFS OF RELIEVER PUFFER

- Shake puffer
- Put 1 puff into spacer
- Take 4 breaths from spacer
 - Repeat until 4 puffs have been taken



If using **Bricanyl**, give 2 separate inhalations (5 years or older)

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WAIT 4 MINUTES

- If breathing does not return to normal, give 4 more separate puffs of reliever as above



Bricanyl: Give 1 more inhalation

IF BREATHING DOES NOT RETURN TO NORMAL

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DIAL TRIPLE ZERO (000)

- Say 'ambulance' and that someone is having an asthma attack
- Keep giving 4 separate puffs every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives



Bricanyl: Give 1 more inhalation every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives