The National Institute of Health (NIH) Asthma Guidelines Updates

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Objectives

- Identify the past and current ways of classifying asthma
- •To apply guideline changes in asthma diagnosis, monitoring, and treatment based on evidence and shared decision making
- •To determine the strengths and limitations of the NIH Asthma Management Guidelines

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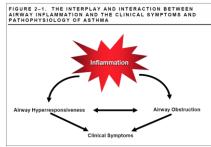
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Question?

•What is asthma?

Definition of Asthma

"Asthma is a common chronic disorder of the airways that involves a complex interaction of airflow obstruction, bronchial hyperresponsiveness and an underlying inflammation. This interaction can be highly variable among patients and within patients over time".

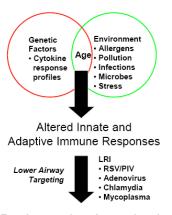


2007 NAEPP Guidelines, EPR 3- Section 2, p 12.

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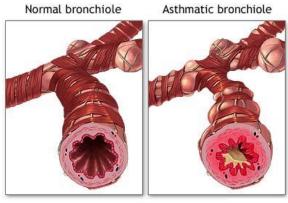
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Pathogenesis of Asthma



Persistent wheezing and asthma

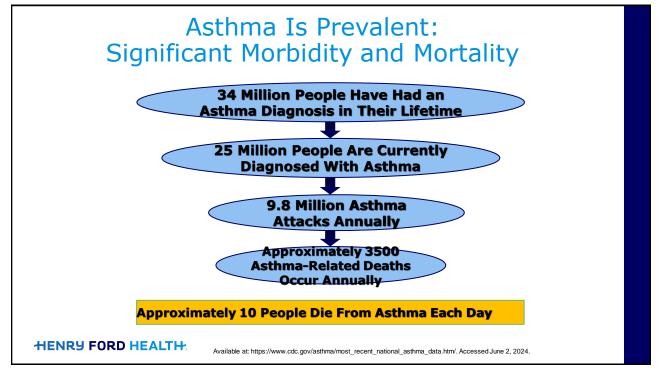
Normal and Asthmatic Bronchiole



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Risk Factors for Death from Asthma

FIGURE 5-2a. RISK FACTORS FOR DEATH FROM ASTHMA

Asthma history

Previous severe exacerbation (e.g., intubation or ICU admission for asthma) Two or more hospitalizations for asthma in the past year Three or more ED visits for asthma in the past year Hospitalization or ED visit for asthma in the past month Using ≥ 2 canisters of SABA per month Difficulty perceiving asthma symptoms or severity of exacerbations Other risk factors: lack of a written asthma action plan, sensitivity to Alternaria

Social history

Low socioeconomic status or inner-city residence Illicit drug use Major psychosocial problems

Comorbidities

Cardiovascular disease Other chronic lung disease Chronic psychiatric disease

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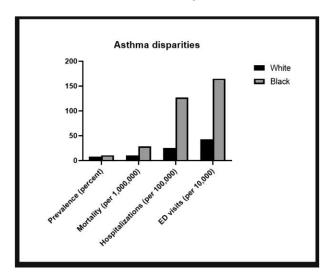
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Who to Refer to a Specialist?

- Patient has had a life-threatening asthma exacerbation
- Patient not meeting the goals of asthma therapy after 3 6 months
- Atypical signs or symptoms
- Additional diagnostic testing needed (skin testing, PFTs, bronchoscopy, rhinoscopy)
- Patient requires additional education
- Patient requires step 4 or higher (consider for step 3)
- Patient has had more than two bursts of steroids in past year, or has an exacerbation requiring hospitalization

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Asthma Disparities



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All That Wheezes Is Not Asthma...

Table 2 Differential diagnosis of difficult-tocontrol asthma

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Bronchiectasis

Vocal cord dysfunction syndrome

Tracheobronchomalacia

Steroid-withdrawal syndrome*

Churg-Strauss syndrome

Aspirated foreign body/endobronchial obstruction

Bronchiolitis obliterans (*e.g.*, in rheumatoid arthritis or ulcerative colitis)

Sarcoidosis

Disseminated strongyloidiasis

Pulmonary thromboembolism

Diastolic dysfunction with congestive heart failure ("cardiac asthma")

*Symptomatic deterioration without objective evidence for worsened airflow obstruction, because of nonrespiratory symptoms associated with oral steroid withdrawal.

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Allergy Asthma Proc. 2012;33(4):305-12

Don't Forget About Comorbidities

- Allergic upper airway disease / sinusitis
- GERD
- Obesity
- · OSA
- Smoking
- Psychiatric disorders
- Medications (ACE, NSAIDS, β blockers)
- Hormonal influences

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Consider Non-medical Therapies

- Adherence
- Education
- Adverse environment



A Patient with Asthma Is Considered Persistent (Rather Than Intermittent) If They Use Albuterol **More Than How Many Times Per Week?**

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4



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Asthma Classification -1997 and 2002 Guidelines

Asthma Classification and Treatment Based on Severity

Components	Intermittent	Mild Persistent	Moderate Persistent	Severe Persistent	
Symptoms	≤2 days/week	> 2 days/week	Daily	Throughout the day	
Nighttime awakenings	≤2/month	3–4/month	> 1/week but not nightly	ot Nightly	
SABA use for symptom control	≤2 days/ week	> 2 days/week but not daily; not > 1x on any day	Daily	Several times/day	
Interference with normal activity	None	Minor limitation	Some limitation	Extreme limitation	
Lung function	Normal FEV ₁ during exacerbations; FEV ₁ > 80% predicted; FEV ₁ /FVC normal	FEV ₁ > 80% predicted; FEV ₁ /FVC normal	FEV ₁ 60–80% predicted; FEV ₁ /FVC reduced 5%	FEV ₁ < 60% predicted; FEV ₁ /FVC reduced > 5%	

 $\textbf{Abbreviations:} \ \mathsf{FEV}_1, \text{forced expiratory volume in 1 second; FVC, forced vital capacity; SABA, short-acting beta-agonist}$

Adapted from: National Asthma Education and Prevention Program Expert Panel Report 3: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. Bethesda, MID: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, US Dept of Health and Human Services; 2007. NIH publication 08:5846.

Asthma Classification – 2007 Guidelines

Components of Severity		Classification of Asthma Severity (Youths ≥12 years of age and adults)				
		Intermittent	Persistent			
			Mild	Moderate	Severe	
Impairment Normal FEV /FVC: 8-19 yr 85% 20-39 yr 80% 40-59 yr 75% 60-80 yr 70%	Symptoms	≤2 days/week	>2 days/week but not daily	Daily	Throughout the day	
	Nighttime awakenings	<2v/month	3-4x/month	>1x/week but not nightly	Often 7x/week	
	Short-acting beta, agonist use for symptom control (not prevention of EIB)	≤2 days/week	>2 days/week but not >1x/day	Daily	Several times per day	
	Interference with normal activity	None	Minor limitation	Some limitation	Extremely limited	
	Lung function	Normal FEV, between exacerbations FEV, ≥80% predicted FEV,/FVC normal	FEV, >80% predicted FEV,/FVC normal	FEV, >60% but <80% predicted FEV,/FVC reduced 5%	• FEV, <60% predicted • FEV,/FVC reduced >5%	
Risk	Exacerbations requiring oral systemic corticosteroids	0-1/year	≥2/year		-	
		Consider severity and interval since last exacerbation. Frequency and severity may fluctuate over time for patients in any severity category.				
		Relative a	nnual risk of exacerbal	tions may be related	to FEV,	

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Asthma Classification – 2007 Guidelines

- Control for short-term (impairment):
 - -Albuterol use < 2X/week
 - -Daytime symptoms < 2X/week
 - -Nocturnal symptoms <u><</u>
 - 2X/month
 - -No activity limitation
 - Normal spirometry (FEV1 and FEV1/FVC)
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- Control for long-term (risk):
 - -ED visits or hospitalizations <
 - 2X/year
 - -Courses of oral steroids <
 - 2X/year
 - -Canisters of albuterol < 2X/ year
 - -Stable lung function over time

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Definition of Severe Asthma

- •Treatment with a high dose ICS and LABA (or leukotriene modifier/theophylline) OR oral steroids for > 50% of the previous year and still has one of the following:
 - Poor symptoms control
 - > 2 steroid bursts in the previous year
 - > 1 hospitalization in the previous year
 - FEV1 < 80% after a bronchodilator

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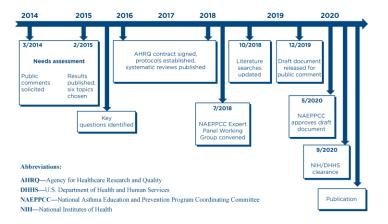
ERS/ATS Guidelines on Severe Asthma. Eur Respir J 2014; 43: 343 - 73

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Classification of Asthma

- •Intermittent Less that the 'rule of 2'
- Mild persistent more than 'rule of 2' but not daily
- Moderate persistent Daily problems
- •Severe persistent Can't control even on high dose therapy

Timeline for Asthma Guidelines 2020 Update

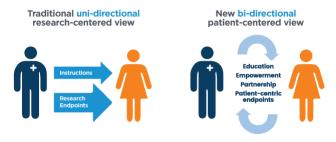


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Focused Updates, Not Complete Revision of 2007 Guidelines

 Improve asthma management and support informed, shared decision making



- New guidance in six key areas of asthma diagnosis, management, and treatment
- Updates offer 19 recommendations

Topic Areas

- 1. Intermittent Inhaled Corticosteroids
- 2. Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonists
- 3. Indoor Allergen Mitigation
- 4. Immunotherapy in the Treatment of Allergic Asthma
- 5. Fractional Exhaled Nitric Oxide Testing
- 6. Bronchial Thermoplasty

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Intermittent ICS - Question 1

• You see a 3-year-old child who presents with occasional wheezing. Should you use intermittent ICS during these episodes?



Intermittent ICS - Question 1

- For children ages 0-4 years with recurrent wheezing triggered by respiratory tract infections only and no wheezing between infections, the Expert Panel conditionally recommends
 - -a short course of daily ICS at the onset of a respiratory tract infection
 - -with an inhaled short-acting beta₂-agonist (SABA) as-needed

(Conditional recommendation, high certainty evidence)

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In Patients with Persistent Asthma, Does Increasing the ICS Dose During an Asthma Worsening Help?

- A. Yes
- B. No



Intermittent ICS – Question 2a

 For children ages 4 years and older and adults with mild to moderate persistent asthma who are likely to be adherent to daily ICS treatment, the Expert Panel conditionally recommends **against** a short-term increase in the ICS dose for increased symptoms or decreased peak flow. (Conditional recommendation, low certainty evidence.)



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A 25-year-old with Asthma Is Using Albuterol 3-4X/week, Wakes Up 1X/week, and FEV1 is 83%. What Would You Do?

- A. Medium dose ICS/formoterol daily and as needed
- B. LTRA daily (e.g., montelukast)
- C. Albuterol and ICS, both as needed
- D. Daily medium dose ICS



Intermittent ICS - Question 2b, Mild Asthma

- •For individuals <u>></u> age 12 with **mild persistent asthma**, either of the following two treatments are recommended:
 - -a daily low-dose ICS and as-needed SABA for quick-relief therapy, or
 - -intermittent as-needed ICS and SABA used one after the other for worsening asthma.

(Conditional recommendation, moderate certainty evidence.)

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Intermittent ICS - Q3

 Now the moderate and severe persistent asthma patients – can I use an ICS/LABA as their only inhaler?



Intermittent ICS - Q2b, Mod/Severe Asthma

- For individuals ages **4 years or older with moderate to severe persistent asthma**, preferred treatment is a single inhaler with ICS-formoterol used <u>both</u> daily and as-needed. (Strong recommendation, high certainty evidence for ages <u>></u> 12 years, moderate certainty evidence for ages 4–11 years.)
- For individuals ages **12 years or older with moderate to severe persistent asthma**, preferred treatment is a single inhaler with ICS-formoterol used <u>both</u> daily and as-needed compared to daily higher dose ICS-long-acting bronchodilator combination with as-needed SABA. (Conditional recommendation, high certainty evidence.)
- BOTTOM LINE Use ICS/formoterol as controller and reliever for your moderate to severe persistent asthma patients

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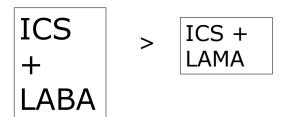
LAMA Therapy in Those Age > 12

- •3 questions:
 - -Patient on ICS alone, is LAMA as good as adding LABA?
 - -Patient on ICS alone, what is a good step-up option?
 - -Patient on ICS + LABA, will LAMA help?



LAMA Therapy in Those Age > 12

 If asthma not controlled by ICS therapy alone, adding a LABA rather than a LAMA to an ICS is recommended. (Conditional recommendation, moderate certainty.)



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LAMA Therapy in Those Age \geq 12

• If a LABA cannot be used (unable to tolerate, contraindication, inability to use device, unavailability) adding a LAMA to an ICS is an acceptable alternative. (Conditional recommendation, moderate certainty.)

(True/False) A Patient Is on an ICS-LABA Combination But Not Fully Controlled. Adding a LAMA Is Recommended, as It Has Shown Benefit

- A. True
- B. False



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LAMA Therapy in Those Age > 12

• If asthma is not controlled with ICS-LABA, adding a LAMA is recommended for many people because it offers a small potential benefit. (Conditional recommendation, moderate certainty.)



Indoor Allergen Mitigation

• Does control of the indoor environment help in asthma? What is best way to do so? Should we do for everyone?











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Indoor Allergen Mitigation

- For individuals with asthma with no history of exposure and **no** allergies (**IgE** or sensitization) or symptoms after exposure to indoor allergens, environmental interventions in the home are not recommended.
- For individuals with asthma who are exposed and allergic to a specific indoor substance using multiple strategies to reduce the allergen is recommended—using only one strategy often does not improve asthma outcomes.
- For individuals with asthma who are sensitive to dust mites, impermeable pillow/mattress covers are recommended only as part of a multicomponent intervention.
- **Integrated pest management** in the home is recommended for individuals with asthma who are allergic and exposed to cockroaches, mice, or rats.

Immunotherapy for Asthma

• Should I use subcutaneous immunotherapy (SCIT) for asthma? What about sublingual immunotherapy (SLIT)?



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Immunotherapy for Asthma

•Subcutaneous immunotherapy is **recommended as an adjunct treatment to standard pharmacotherapy for individuals with mild-moderate allergic asthma** who
have demonstrated allergic sensitization and evidence of
worsening asthma symptoms after exposure to relevant
antigen(s). (Conditional recommendation, moderate
certainty evidence.)

Immunotherapy for Asthma

 Evidence reviewed did not support using sublingual immunotherapy to specifically treat allergic asthma.
 (Conditional recommendation, moderate certainty evidence.)



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FENO Testing in Asthma

• Can FENO help to diagnose asthma? Will it predict wheezing toddlers who will develop asthma? Should it be routinely used in choosing medications or monitoring response?





FENO Testing in Asthma

- FeNO measurement may support a diagnosis of asthma in those age > 5 for whom the diagnosis is uncertain even after a complete history, physical examination, and spirometry testing including bronchodilator responsiveness. (Conditional recommendation, moderate certainty evidence.)
- May be used as part of ongoing asthma monitoring and management when there is uncertainty in adjusting therapy using clinical and laboratory assessment. (Conditional recommendation, low certainty evidence.)
- **Should not be used in isolation** to assess asthma control, predict a future asthma exacerbation, or assess the severity of an exacerbation. (Strong recommendation, low certainty evidence.)
- In children ages 4 years and younger who have recurrent episodes of wheezing, FeNO measurement does not predict the future development of asthma. (Strong recommendation, low certainty evidence.)

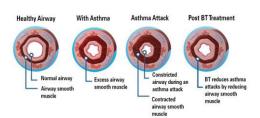
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Bronchial Thermoplasty

In adult patients with uncontrolled asthma, should I perform bronchial thermoplasty?





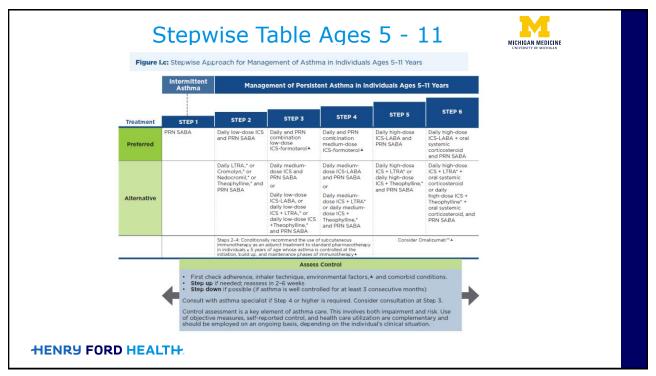
Bronchial Thermoplasty

- Most individuals 18 years and older with uncontrolled asthma should not undergo bronchial thermoplasty because benefits are small, risks are moderate, and long-term outcomes are uncertain. (Conditional recommendation, low certainty evidence.)
- Some individuals with persistent asthma may be willing to accept the risks of bronchial thermoplasty and, therefore, might choose this intervention after shared decision making with their health care provider.

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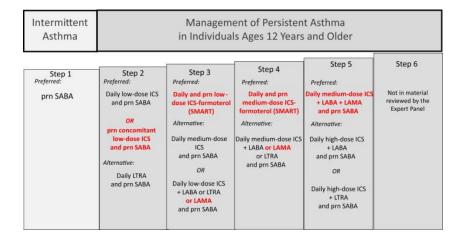
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Stepwise Table Ages 0-4 Figure I.b: Stepwise Approach for Management of Asthma in Individuals Ages 0-4 Years Management of Persistent Asthma in Individuals Ages 0-4 Years STEP 5 STEP 4 STEP 3 STEP 1 Daily low-dose ICS-LABA and PRN SABA * PRN SABA Daily low-dose ICS and PRN SABA Daily high-dose ICS-LABA + and oral systemic corticosteroid and PRN SABA daily medium-dose Daily high-dose Daily montelukast* or Cromolyn,* and PRN SABA Daily medium-dose ICS + montelukast* and PRN SABA Daily high-dose ICS + montelukast* and PRN SABA montelukast*+ oral systemic Alternative For children age 4 years only, see Step 3 and Step 4 on Management of Persistent Asthma in Individuals Ages 5-11 Years diagram. Assess Control First check adherence, inhaler technique, environmental factors, \blacktriangle and comorbid conditions. Step by if needed, reassess in 4-6 weeks Step down if possible (if asthma is well controlled for at least 3 consecutive months) Consult with asthma specialist if Step 3 or higher is required. Consider consultation at Step 2. Control assessment is a key element of asthma care. This involves both impairment and risk. Use of objective measures, self-reported control, and health care utilization are complementary and should be employed on an ongoing basis, depending on the individual's clinical situation. HENRY FORD HEALTH

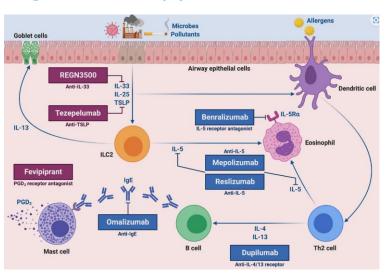


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Stepwise Table Ages > 12



Biological Therapy in Severe Asthma



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New Asthma Pricing for Inhalers







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Conclusion

- NIH updates:
 - -Use an ICS for URI in toddlers with intermittent wheeze
 - -Do not increase ICS during an asthma flare
 - -Use ICS and albuterol intermittently in mild persistent asthma
 - -Use ICS/formoterol for rescue and maintenance in moderate/severe asthma
 - -Triple therapy (ICS/LABA/LAMA) works a bit
 - -Offer subcutaneous immunotherapy for mild/moderate asthma
- -Targeted, multicomponent allergen avoidance should be used **HENRY FORD HEALTH**.