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## **GOALS OF ASTHMA TREATMENT**

- Decrease in cough, wheeze and shortness of breath
- Rare nighttime symptoms
- Need for rescue inhaler (albuterol/Maxair) should be less than 3 times a week.
- No need for emergency room visits or admission to the hospital.
- Rare limits on physical activities
- No missed school days from asthma.

## DO YOU NEED TO TAKE A MEDICINE EVERY DAY?

If your doctor prescribed medicine for you to take every day it is because your asthma symptoms happen too often. You MUST take it every day to stay well. *Daily medicines won't* prevent every asthma attack but if you use them *every day*, you won't get sick as often and you will be able to exercise without asthma problems most of the time.

1. PREVENT Asthma Symptoms: Take your Preventer medicine (s) every day!
Your preventers  Floventmcg 2 puffs every AM and 2 puffs every PM QVAR puffs every AM and puffs every PM Singulair once every evening Advair 1 puff every AM and 1 puff every PM Asmanex puffs times daily Pulmicort Flexhaler puffs every AM and puffs every PM Symbicort inhaler 2 puffs every AM and 2 puffs every PM
<ul> <li>TREAT the following with your albuterol, Maxair or Symbicort Inhaler ( puffs) or nebulizer every 3-4 hours only when needed for:</li> <li>Cough, wheeze and/or shortness of breath</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>CALL us at the numbers below (we may prescribe prednisone or Orapred if):</li> <li>You use your albuterol, Maxair or Symbicort inhaler or nebulizer and: <ul> <li>It doesn't help and/or</li> <li>It doesn't last at least 4 hours and/or</li> <li>You have needed to use it more than 3 times in 24 hours</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul> <li>4. Prednisone/Prednisolone</li> <li>☐ Keep on hand and use if instructed when you call our office</li> <li>☐ Take twice daily for 5 days only and keep remainder on hand.</li> </ul>
□Aerosolized medication technique demonstrated □ Treatment plan reviewed initials
Other instructions:

PEDIATRIC PULMONARY: 352-273-8380 until 5:00 pm M-F: 352-265-0111 (be sure to ask for the Pediatric Pulmonary Doctor)