

SEVERE ASTHMA IN CHILDREN

Asthma is a genetic, chronic, life-threatening pulmonary disorder that causes wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing.

MAINTENANCE CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE ASTHMA

Asthma requires routine at-home maintenance in order to avoid serious exacerbations and hospitalizations.

- Maintenance and rescue medications
- Taking additional precautions around the home
- Limited exposure to triggers (included but not limited to: dust, stuffed animals, mold, pets, smoke, cockroaches, and other environmental toxins)

WITHOUT ROUTINE CARE

Some potential outcomes if recommendations are not followed include:

- Frequent exacerbations
- Increased risk of hospitalization
- Death

Healthcare providers are concerned about potential medical neglect if the following scenarios arise: At-home treatments are not being completed, the patient's health status is deteriorating more than one would expect, there is a lack of pharmacy refill history, the patient has poor PFTs (breathing tests), there is a history of frequent hospitalizations or ER visits, or if there are frequent appointment cancellations and no shows.



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