Asthma Guidelines

Covers: definition and diagnosis; the 4 components of asthma management; objective measures of lung function (spirometry, etc.); pharmacologic therapy (the medications; management of chronic asthma - asthma in adults, and in children; management of exacerbations of asthma (home management, and hospital-based emergency department management); management of exercise-induced asthma); environmental measures to control allergens and irritants; and patient education. Also includes pregnancy and asthma, older patients, etc. Extensive references.

Enormous progress in asthma research has been made in the past 50 years, including a greater understanding of its complex pathogenesis and new and more effective therapies. Consequently, the scientific literature has grown vast and can be difficult to integrate. With contributions from a distinguished panel of world-renowned authors, Clinical Asthm

This book focuses on a more holistic approach to healing asthma by delving into the root cause of the disease, full-body healing, and the protocols necessary for maintaining a healthy lifestyle without relying on the use of synthetic drugs. As a former sufferer of the disease, this book shares with you my own journey toward
healing. This book discusses the necessary steps I took to overcome my physical ailment and what I do now to maintain healthy respiratory functions. In this book, you will learn about treatment for asthma and overcome a physical ailment. Asthma Management: Clinical Pathways, Guidelines, and Patient Education is a comprehensive disease management program designed to assist clinicians in diagnosing and effectively controlling asthma. It provides detailed guidelines on all aspects of managing asthma from the initial diagnosis in the clinical examination to the treatment strategy which may include drug therapy and lifestyle modification. This essential resource also includes easy-to-read patient education handouts, which teach and encourage patients to comply with interventions, while becoming active participants in managing their chronic condition.

This unique new text delivers practical guidelines on diagnosing and treating patients with asthma. Drs. Castro and Kraft are extensively involved in asthma research and improved patient care, and their comprehensive coverage of key challenges in diagnosing and treating asthma makes this a must have resource. The organized full-color format ensures readability, and helps you find information quickly and easily. Offers up-to-date protocols and management guidelines to help you provide the best care for your patients. Presents chapters
on special situations and special populations to help you overcome clinical challenges such as the difficult-to-control or pregnant asthma patient. Provides specialized sections on asthma education to give guidance on leading your patients to better self management by improving their adherence to treatment guidelines. Highlights material found on the Asthma Educator Certification exam in special “education boxes. Offers expert guidance on translating the new NIH EPR-3 Asthma Guidelines to hands-on patient care. Organized in a consistent chapter format that provides concise, logical coverage of essential information for easy reference. Contains special boxes that highlight clinical pearls, controversial issues, and patient education information. Uses a full-color format that makes it easy to find information quickly.

This manual covers asthma management in both adult and paediatric patients. This updated edition combines tackling practical, clinical issues, with the basic science to aid diagnosis, management and treatment.

Hailed by professional journals and esteemed by primary care physicians, Bronchial Asthma: A Guide for Practical Understanding and Treatment, Sixth Edition, has been fully updated to help physicians face the challenge of diagnosis and management in every variety of patient subpopulation.

Asthma is a condition in which your airways narrow and swell and may produce extra
mucus. This can make breathing difficult and trigger coughing, a whistling sound (wheezing) when you breathe out, and shortness of breath. For some people, asthma is a minor nuisance. It is a common condition that affects more than 17 million Americans and of those about 7 million are children. Sadly, many parents are reluctant to accept a diagnosis of asthma, a dilemma that leads to unnecessary pain and suffering, delay in treatment, and even loss of life. Just go for these home remedies in this book for asthma and make your life free from all these physical problems. It is important to understand your body and how it works, especially if you are an asthma sufferer.

In partnership with the Army Medical Department, RAND worked to implement clinical practice guidelines. This report evaluates the asthma guideline demonstration. It documents the actions, assesses effects, and measures the quality and limitations of data for monitoring outcomes. The authors found that the implementation scored successes but resource limitations and organizational barriers curbed progress. They conclude that flexibility, monitoring, and training are the keys to implementing the guidelines. They also found that patient education needed improvement.

Asthma is a well-known and common disease. Because you are familiar with asthma, do not assume you know all about it. This book is meant to be a guidebook to asthma. It analyzes the various complexities of asthma from what constitutes a diagnosis of asthma to what can be done to control an essentially incurable disease. This comprehensive book is meant to guide you through the issues, presenting them in a
logical and understandable manner. My intention is that you will enjoy reading this book, gain useful knowledge about this complex disease, and return often to this book to revisit various issues. You will easily get rid of asthma thanks to an understandable manner about asthma.

Now available in its Third Edition, Asthma: Basic Mechanisms and Clinical Management has become the reference text in asthma. This highly successful text sheds new light on the basic physiological and molecular mechanisms of asthma, how current treatments work, and how best to apply the latest knowledge to control this important disease. The Third Edition has undergone radical revision and includes several new chapters. It retains the virtues of the previous volumes by bringing together all of the recent research findings by internationally recognized experts on the causative mechanisms of asthma, including in-depth clinical aspects and therapy. The book presents an integrated approach toward the treatment of this disease with new concepts, changes in asthma management, and the development of new therapeutic agents. Asthma provides extensive references for researchers and clinicians who need to keep abreast of recent developments in this rapidly expanding field. Comprehensive coverage of both basic science and clinical aspects of asthma Extensively referenced throughout.

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This 2nd edition provides clinicians with an update on the management of asthma, and includes new sections covering paediatric asthma, new treatment strategies, and updated management guidelines (including new British Thoracic Society [BTS] guidelines).

Asthma should be detected early and correctly. Good therapeutic control of asthma allows the child to lead a normal life. An arrangement should be made whereby one physician is principally responsible for the care of the child's asthma. When inhaled corticosteroids are in use, the dose should be the lowest that still keeps the symptoms under control. Keep the safety limits in mind! Drug therapy should be periodically reviewed to ensure that unnecessary treatment is withdrawn.

The National Institutes of Health Publication 08-5846 The Expert Panel Report 3 (EPR—3) Summary Report 2007: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma was developed by an expert panel commissioned by the National
Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) Coordinating Committee (CC), coordinated by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) of the National Institutes of Health. Using the 1997 EPR—2 guidelines and the 2002 update on selected topics as the framework, the expert panel organized the literature review and updated recommendations for managing asthma long term and for managing exacerbations around four essential components of asthma care, namely: assessment and monitoring, patient education, control of factors contributing to asthma severity, and pharmacologic treatment. Subtopics were developed for each of these four broad categories. More than 22 million Americans have asthma, and it is one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood, affecting an estimated 6 million children. The burden of asthma affects the patients, their families, and society in terms of lost work and school, lessened quality of life, and avoidable emergency department (ED) visits, hospitalizations, and deaths. Improved scientific understanding of asthma has led to significant improvements in asthma care, and the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program (NAEPP) has been dedicated to translating these research findings into clinical practice through publication and dissemination of clinical practice guidelines. The first NAEPP guidelines were published in 1991, and updates were made in 1997, 2002, and now with the current report. Important
gains have been made in reducing morbidity and mortality rates due to asthma; however, challenges remain. The NAEPP hopes that the “Expert Panel Report 3: Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma—Full Report 2007” (EPR—3: Full Report 2007) will support the efforts of those who already incorporate best practices and will help enlist even greater numbers of primary care clinicians, asthma specialists, health care systems and providers, and communities to join together in making quality asthma care available to all people who have asthma. The goal, simply stated, is to help people with asthma control their asthma so that they can be active all day and sleep well at night.

Asthma and allergy represent increasing problems for the actively competing athlete. The prevalence of exercise-induced asthma (EIA) has increased over the last two decades, especially amongst elite endurance athletes; it has been reported that high-level endurance training in particular may increase bronchial hyperresponsiveness (BHR) and cause inflammation in the airways. Intensive endurance training and competition, together with environmental influences, are thought to be causative factors. For winter sports, inhaled cold air represents such an environmental factor; moreover, exposure of c.

Highlights the major recommendations of the expert panel report. This comprehensive source of up-to-date information on asthma diagnosis and
treatment offers concise discussions on concomitant diseases and treatment choices. Coverage includes epidemiology, pathology, airway remodeling, and pathophysiology. Each chapter offers a topic overview, followed by an analysis of current understanding, supplemented by charts, tables, and graphs. Dr. Michael A. Kaliner, the editor, contributes a chapter, "The Pathogenesis of Bronchial Asthma," drawing on his 30 years of clinical experience.

This reference collects the latest studies on the development, diagnosis, and treatment of childhood asthma and offers current perspectives on new technologies that will shape the management of pediatric asthma in the forthcoming decade-illustrating how advances in pulmonary function measurement, inflammatory markers, imaging, and pharmacogenetics will enhance the diagnosis and monitoring of asthma in years to come.

This authoritative, timely resource analyzes every important topic related to the most frequently prescribed anti-asthma medications-comprehensively examining the use of beta2-agonists from molecular interactions with the beta-receptor to clinical and therapeutic applications in acute and chronic conditions. Includes lively discussion sections that address controversies involving the use of beta2-agonists and synthesizes current information into practical treatment guidelines! Written by world-renowned experts representing prestigious institutions in 12 countries, Beta2-Agonists in Asthma Treatment summarizes the history of beta-agonists in asthma treatment explains the
molecular action and effect of beta2-agonists on airway effector cells and inflammation discusses in detail beta2-agonist pharmacokinetics reviews inhalation devices and techniques compares the pharmacological characteristics of long-acting versus short-acting beta2-agonists addresses the possible influence of beta2-agonists in the deterioration of asthmatic conditions and increased mortality delineates the role of beta2-agonists in treating acute and chronic asthma in both children and adults and much more!

Asthma is a respiratory disease characterized by variable and recurring symptoms, airflow obstruction, bronchial hyper-responsiveness, and inflammation of the airways. In the U.S., an estimated 24.6 million people (8.2 percent) currently have asthma. Students with asthma miss more than 14 million school days every year due to illness. In 2005, there were approximately 679,000 emergency room visits in the U.S. due to asthma in children under 15 years of age. Currently, asthma is the third leading cause of hospitalization among children in this age group. Furthermore, certain U.S. population subgroups have higher prevalence rates of asthma in comparison with the national average: children (9.6 percent), poor children (13.5 percent), non-Hispanic African American children (17.0 percent), women (9.7 percent), and poor adults (10.6 percent). Following asthma guideline treatment recommendations improves clinical outcomes in a variety of pediatric populations, including high-risk populations, such as inner-city, poor, and/or African American populations. The available evidence suggests
that most people with asthma can be symptom-free if they receive appropriate medical care, use inhaled corticosteroids when prescribed, and modify their environment to reduce or eliminate exposure to allergens and irritants. Despite the evidence of improved outcomes associated with adherence to guidelines, their long-term existence (more than 20 years) and widespread availability, health care providers do not routinely follow asthma guideline recommendations. In one study, only 34.2 percent of patients reported receiving a written asthma action plan, while only 68.1 percent had been taught the appropriate response to symptoms of an asthma attack. In the same study, only about one third of children or adults were using long-term asthma controller medicine such as inhaled corticosteroids. Health care providers do not appropriately assess asthma control in most children, resulting in substandard care. Minority children are up to half as likely as Caucasian children to receive inhaled steroids. The significance of these studies is that suboptimal outcomes persist, such as twofold higher rates of emergency room visits for African American children compared with their Caucasian counterparts. With the lack of adherence to guideline recommendations, attention has been focused on why best practices are not followed (i.e., adhered to) by health care providers. The objective of our systematic review was to assess whether interventions targeting health care providers improve adherence to asthma guideline recommendations for asthma care and if these interventions subsequently improve clinical outcomes for patients. We also sought to determine whether any observed
changes in asthma care processes directly improve clinical outcomes. This report has provided an organized systematic review of provider-focused interventions to improve asthma care and outcomes. Therefore, this report should provide a context in which to organize different types of interventions, their relative impact on a variety of outcomes, and considerations for what and how future studies should be planned. Our specific Key Questions (KQs) are listed below. KQ1: In the care of pediatric or adult patients with asthma, what is the evidence that interventions designed to improve health care provider adherence to guidelines impact health care process outcomes (e.g., receiving appropriate treatment)? KQ2: In the care of pediatric or adult patients with asthma, what is the evidence that interventions designed to improve health care provider adherence to guidelines impact clinical outcomes (e.g., hospitalizations, patient-reported outcomes such as symptom control)? KQ3: In the care of pediatric or adult patients with asthma, what is the evidence that interventions designed to improve health care provider adherence to guidelines impact health care process outcomes that then affect clinical outcomes?

The long-acting beta-2-agonists have become indispensable in modern asthma therapy. But do they have a fixed position in international guidelines? Here are the proceedings of the 6th Vienna Asthma Forum, when molecular biologists, drug designers, and clinicians discussed the role of three compounds (bambuterol, formoterol, and salmeterol) on a high scientific level. The authors give a fascinating new insight into the
physiology of the Beta2- and glucocorticoid receptor, into the considerations before and
during drug development, stimulating a vivid discussion among clinical researchers who
share a special interest in the most efficacious use of a new therapeutic principle. The
original papers and the individual discussions are highly informative and delightful to
read.

The incidence of asthma is rising dramatically in the United States and across the
globe. Asthma affects 17 million people in the U.S. and is the most common chronic
childhood disease. If you or someone you love suffers from asthma, you know that
there is no cure—however, with proper care, asthmatics can lead normal, active, and
fulfilling lives. Now you can breathe easy with this plain-English guide, which clearly
explains the prevention, diagnosis, symptoms, and treatment of the disease. Asthma
For Dummies will help asthma sufferers and their loved ones get a strong handle on
managing the disease. Dr. William Berger, one of the nation’s foremost experts on
allergies and asthma, gives you the tools you need to: Understand the relationship
between allergies and asthma Identify your asthma triggers Prepare for your first
doctor’s visit Allergy-proof your home or office environment Avoid asthma
complications Find outside support Featuring up-to-date coverage of childhood asthma,
this easy-to-understand guide covers all the vital issues surrounding asthma, including
handling food allergies, exercising when asthmatic, asthma during pregnancy, and all
the latest medications. You’ll find tips on avoiding allergens that cause respiratory
symptoms, testing for allergies, and dealing with HMOs. This fact-packed guide also features: A dedicated chapter to asthma in the elderly The latest information on Claritin and Clarinex, two common allergy medications taken by those with asthma The interrelationships between asthma and other respiratory complications of untreated allergy such as ear, sinus, tonsil, and adenoid disease Extensive information on controller drugs and rescue medications Future trends in asthma therapy Offering the latest on allergy shots and tips for traveling with asthma, Asthma for Dummies will relieve your anxiety about asthma, help you control your triggers, and manage the disease long-term.

When there's a problem, what people want most of all is information. This applies especially when the problem is a medical one which is affecting either themselves or a family member. Doctors sometimes just don't have the time to explain everything in detail and to answer every question. As a consequence, patients and their families must turn to other sources of information, such as articles, books, and the internet. However, it is difficult, if not impossible, for the lay public to know whether the information they are getting is accurate and up to date. Hence this new book series. All the books in the 'Explained' Series are written especially for the lay public by top specialists, so the reader can be assured that he or she is getting the correct advice.

Contents: Introduction; What is asthma?; How asthma affects people; The ideal consultation - what does the doctor/nurse need to know?; How is it diagnosed?;
Keeping control of asthma; What treatments are available?; What other drugs are used to treat asthma?; Inhaler devices; Commonly asked questions; Case studies. 'Fast Facts: Asthma' delivers a clear practical message – improved asthma control can be achieved through efficient commonsense delivery of asthma care, alongside strategies that improve patient self-management and medication use. This fully updated fourth edition examines the essentials of good asthma care, distilled from the latest international guidelines and best available evidence, including:

- Accurate asthma diagnosis
- Identification and control of factors that increase the risk of exacerbations
- Effective delivery of inhaled medication
- The recommended stepwise approach to asthma treatment
- Questions to ask before diagnosing refractory asthma
- Inflammation-guided therapy
- Recognition and treatment of acute asthma attacks
- Strategies to improve adherence to asthma treatment

The easy-reference format of this concise, well-illustrated handbook is ideal for general practitioners, asthma nurses, medical students and asthma educators seeking a practical overview of good asthma care that will help with individualized management plans and patient education, and improve outcomes and quality of life for the very many people living with asthma.

Contents:
- Pathophysiology
- Epidemiology and natural history
- Diagnosis and classification
- Management
- Refractory asthma
- Acute asthma attacks
- Preventing asthma attacks
- Exercise-induced asthma
- Developments
- Useful resources

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