

Asthma Action Plan

For use with a Puffer and Spacer



Asthma
Foundation VIC

Photo

Name: _____
Date of birth: _____
Confirmed Triggers

- Child can self administer if well enough.
- Child needs to pre-medicate prior to exercise.
- Face mask needed with spacer

ALWAYS give adrenaline autoinjector **FIRST**, and then asthma reliever puffer if someone with known asthma and allergy to food, insects or medication has **SUDDEN BREATHING DIFFICULTY** (including wheeze, persistent cough or hoarse voice) even if there are no skin symptoms.

Adrenaline autoinjector prescribed: Y N Type of adrenaline autoinjector: _____

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

MILD TO MODERATE

- Minor difficulty breathing
- May have a cough
- May have a wheeze

Other signs to look for:

SEVERE

- Cannot speak a full sentence
- Sitting hunched forward
- Tugging in of skin over chest/throat
- May have a cough or wheeze
- Obvious difficulty breathing
- Lethargic
- Sore tummy (young children)

LIFE-THREATENING

- Unable to speak or 1-2 words
- Collapsed / Exhausted
- Gaspings for breath
- May no longer have a cough or wheeze
- Drowsy/ Confused / Unconscious
- Skin discolouration (blue lips)

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Work Ph: _____

Home Ph: _____

Mobile Ph: _____

ASTHMA FIRST AID

For Severe or Life-Threatening signs and symptoms, call for emergency assistance immediately on Triple Zero "000"
Mild to moderate symptoms do not always present before severe or life-threatening symptoms

1. Sit the person upright
 - Stay with the person and be calm and reassuring
2. Give **4** separate puffs of Airomir, Asmol or Ventolin
 - Shake puffer before each puff
 - Put 1 puff into the spacer at a time
 - Take 4 breaths from spacer between each puff
3. Wait 4 minutes
 - If there is no improvement, repeat step 2
4. If there is still no improvement call emergency assistance
 - Dial Triple Zero "000"
 - Say 'ambulance' and that someone is having an asthma attack
 - Keep giving **4** puffs every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally.

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



- Assemble Spacer
- Remove cap from puffer
- Shake puffer well
- Attach puffer to end of spacer
- Place mouthpiece of spacer in mouth and ensure lips seal around it
- Breathe out gently into the spacer
- Press down on puffer canister once to fire medication into spacer
- Breathe in and out normally for 4 breaths (keeping your mouth on the spacer)

Plan prepared by Medical or Nurse Practitioner: _____

I hereby authorise medications specified on this plan to be administered according to the plan.

Signed: _____

Date prepared: _____

Date of next review: _____