

## **Asthma Treatment Plan Patient/Parent Instructions**



The **PACNJ Asthma Treatment Plan** is designed to help everyone understand the steps necessary for the individual patient to achieve the goal of controlled asthma.

### **1. Patients/Parents/Guardians: Before taking this form to your Health Care Provider:**

Complete the top left section with:

- Patient's name
- Patient's date of birth
- Patient's doctor's name & phone number
- Parent/Guardian's name & phone number
- An Emergency Contact person's name & phone number

### **2. Your Health Care Provider will:**

Complete the following areas:

- The effective date of this plan
- The medicine information for the Healthy, Caution and Emergency sections
- Your Health Care Provider will check the box next to the medication and circle how much and how often to take it
- Your Health Care Provider may check "**OTHER**" and:
  - ❖ **Write in asthma medications not listed on the form**
  - ❖ **Write in additional medications that will control your asthma**
  - ❖ **Write in generic medications in place of the name brand on the form**
- Together you and your Health Care Provider will decide what asthma treatment is best for you or your child to follow

### **3. Patients/Parents/Guardians & Health Care Providers together:**

Discuss and then complete the following areas:

- Patient's peak flow range in the Healthy, Caution and Emergency sections on the left side of the form
- Patient's asthma triggers on the right side of the form
- For Minors Only section at the bottom of the form: Discuss your child's ability to self-administer the inhaled medications, check the appropriate box, and then both you and your Health Care Provider must sign and date the form

### **4. Parents/Guardians: After completing the form with your Health Care Provider:**

- Make copies of the Asthma Treatment Plan and give the signed original to your child's school nurse or child care provider
- Keep a copy easily available at home to help manage your child's asthma
- Give copies of the Asthma Treatment Plan to everyone who provides care for your child, for example: babysitters, before/after school program staff, coaches, scout leaders

**This Asthma Treatment Plan is meant to assist, not replace, the clinical decision-making required to meet individual patient needs. Not all asthma medications are listed and the generic names are not listed.**

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# Asthma Treatment Plan

(This asthma action plan meets NJ Law N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.8) (Physician's Orders)



"Your Pathway to Asthma Control"  
Original PACNJ approved Plan available at  
www.pacnj.org



**(Please Print)**

Name		Date of Birth	Effective Date
Doctor	Parent/Guardian (if applicable)		Emergency Contact
Phone	Phone		Phone

## HEALTHY



You have all of these:

- Breathing is good
- No cough or wheeze
- Sleep through the night
- Can work, exercise, and play

And/or Peak flow above \_\_\_\_\_

**Take daily medicine(s). All metered dose inhalers (MDI) to be used with spacers.**

MEDICINE	HOW MUCH to take and HOW OFTEN to take it
<input type="checkbox"/> Advair® <input type="checkbox"/> 100, <input type="checkbox"/> 250, <input type="checkbox"/> 500	.....1 inhalation twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Advair® HFA <input type="checkbox"/> 45, <input type="checkbox"/> 115, <input type="checkbox"/> 230	.....2 puffs MDI twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Asmanex® Twisthaler® <input type="checkbox"/> 110, <input type="checkbox"/> 220	..... <input type="checkbox"/> 1, <input type="checkbox"/> 2 inhalations a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Flovent® <input type="checkbox"/> 44, <input type="checkbox"/> 110, <input type="checkbox"/> 220	.....2 inhalations twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Flovent® Diskus® 50 mcg	.....1 inhalation twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Pulmicort Flexhaler® <input type="checkbox"/> 90, <input type="checkbox"/> 180	..... <input type="checkbox"/> 1, <input type="checkbox"/> 2 inhalations <input type="checkbox"/> once or <input type="checkbox"/> twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Pulmicort Respules® <input type="checkbox"/> 0.25, <input type="checkbox"/> 0.5, <input type="checkbox"/> 1.0	..1 unit nebulized <input type="checkbox"/> once or <input type="checkbox"/> twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Qvar® <input type="checkbox"/> 40, <input type="checkbox"/> 80	.....2 inhalations twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Singulair® <input type="checkbox"/> 4, <input type="checkbox"/> 5, <input type="checkbox"/> 10 mg	.....1 tablet daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Symbicort® <input type="checkbox"/> 80, <input type="checkbox"/> 160	.....2 puffs MDI twice a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<input type="checkbox"/> None	

*Remember to rinse your mouth after taking inhaled medicine.*

If exercise triggers your asthma, take this medicine \_\_\_\_\_ minutes before exercise.

## Triggers

Check all items that trigger patient's asthma:

- Chalk dust
- Cigarette Smoke & second hand smoke
- Colds/Flu
- Dust mites, dust, stuffed animals, carpet
- Exercise
- Mold
- Ozone alert days
- Pests - rodents & cockroaches
- Pets - animal dander
- Plants, flowers, cut grass, pollen
- Strong odors, perfumes, cleaning products, scented products
- Sudden temperature change
- Wood Smoke
- Foods:

Other:

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## CAUTION



You have any of these:

- Exposure to known trigger
- Cough
- Mild wheeze
- Tight chest
- Coughing at night
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

And/or Peak flow from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Continue daily medicine(s) and add fast-acting medicine(s).**

MEDICINE	HOW MUCH to take and HOW OFTEN to take it
<input type="checkbox"/> Accuneb® <input type="checkbox"/> 0.63, <input type="checkbox"/> 1.25 mg	.....1 unit nebulized every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Albuterol <input type="checkbox"/> 1.25, <input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 mg	.....1 unit nebulized every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Albuterol <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-Air <input type="checkbox"/> Proventil®	.....2 puffs MDI every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Ventolin® <input type="checkbox"/> Maxair <input type="checkbox"/> Xopenex®	.....2 puffs MDI every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Xopenex® <input type="checkbox"/> 0.31, <input type="checkbox"/> 0.63, <input type="checkbox"/> 1.25 mg	..1 unit nebulized every 4 hours as needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase the dose of, or add:	

**➡ If fast-acting medicine is needed more than 2 times a week, except before exercise, then call your doctor.**

## EMERGENCY



Your asthma is getting worse fast:

- Fast-acting medicine did not help within 15-20 minutes
- Breathing is hard and fast
- Nose opens wide
- Ribs show
- Trouble walking and talking
- Lips blue • Fingernails blue

And/or Peak flow below \_\_\_\_\_

**Take these medicines NOW and call 911. Asthma can be a life-threatening illness. Do not wait!**

- Accuneb®  0.63,  1.25 mg
 .....1 unit nebulized every 20 minutes |
- Albuterol  1.25,  2.5 mg
 .....1 unit nebulized every 20 minutes |
- Albuterol  Pro-Air  Proventil®
 .....2 puffs MDI every 20 minutes |
- Ventolin®  Maxair  Xopenex®
 .....2 puffs MDI every 20 minutes |
- Xopenex®  0.31,  0.63,  1.25 mg
 ..1 unit nebulized every 20 minutes |
- Other
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### FOR MINORS ONLY:

- This student is capable and has been instructed in the proper method of self-administering of the inhaled medications named above in accordance with NJ Law.
- This student is not approved to self-medicate.

PHYSICIAN/APN/PA SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN STAMP

Make a copy for patient and for physician file. For children under 18, send original to school nurse or child care provider.