Asthma Main Page

This page contains links to a number of the asthma resources produced by the IPCRG. For specific topics: Asthma control, Asthma campaigns (the Brussels Declaration), and World Asthma Day please use the links in the menu.

- **Global Burden of Asthma Report 2011**
  This report advocates prompt, effective action to counter the devastating personal and economic impact of untreated and poorly managed asthma. The disease affects 235 million people today with prevalence rising. Low- and middle-income countries suffer the most severe cases and yet the tools to change this are available.

- **Choosing Inhaler Devices For People With Asthma: Current Knowledge And Outstanding Research Needs**
  Doi:10.1016/j.rmed.2010.04.012

- **2010 Audit tool** (in English) commissioned by the international organisation ARIA (Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma) and developed using the guidelines produced by ARIA, GINA and BTS/SIGN by Dr Mark Levy, Editor of the PCRJ.
  The system provides instant feedback on attaining set standards and also a report which could form the basis of peer-group discussion, as well as evidence of performing audit for the purposes of professional development, recertification and revalidation.

- **Setting the standard for routine asthma consultations: a discussion of the aims, process and outcomes of reviewing people with asthma in primary care**
  Doi: 10.4104/pcrj.2010.00066

- **The value of self-report assessment of adherence, rhinitis and smoking in relation to asthma control.** doi:10.4104/pcrj.2009.00037

- **The CYMPLA trial. Mobile phone-based structured intervention to achieve asthma control in patients with uncontrolled persistent asthma: a pragmatic randomised controlled trial.**
  doi: 10.4104/pcrj.2009.00064

- **Asthma control in primary care in Sweden: a comparison between 2001 and 2005.**
  doi:10.4104/pcrj.2009.00024

- **Asthma control including The IPCRG Users’ Guide to currently available asthma control tools and powerpoint describing this material.**

- **Exchanges - Asthma Guidelines**

- **British Occupational Health Research Foundation: Guidelines on Occupational Asthma**

- **Asthma in the EU: Towards better management and regulation of a public health issue** (http://www.summitforchange.eu/media.php)

- **Improving outcomes for asthma patients with allergic rhinitis: the MetaForum conferences**

- **Asthma care in the EU – a time for change** (PDF document) (CCL “Some Rights Reserved”)

- **November 2006 Latest position statement on LABAs in asthma** (CCL “Some Rights Reserved”)

- **Position Statements** (CCL “Some Rights Reserved”)

- **Oslo 2006 Conference Asthma Symposia** (sponsored by Altana)

- **2005 position statement on long-acting beta2 agonists** (CCL “Some Rights Reserved”)

- **IPCRG Theophylline Opinion Sheet** (CCL “Some Rights Reserved”)
  Theophylline, usually administered orally, is an effective bronchodilator which may be used in the management of both asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). It is widely available, and less expensive than many other bronchodilators. However, theophylline can be a difficult drug to
use safely. Click here for PDF document.*

- IPCRG Exchanges (CCL "Some Rights Reserved") This is an international survey by the IPCRG of practice related to managing children with asthma in the community. Turkish version

- International Primary Care Respiratory Group (IPCRG) Guidelines (CCL "Some Rights Reserved")

- NAC Asthma Management Handbook 2006 online edition
  Our Australian member, National Asthma Council Australia, NAC, published its Asthma Management Handbook 2006 in November 2006 aimed at GPs and community pharmacists, but emphasising a team approach. The revisions include
  - updated diagnostic, management and prescribing guidelines
  - expanded material on asthma and allergy, exercise-induced asthma, occupational asthma, asthma in pregnancy and in older people, and comorbidities
  - more detail on diet and complementary medicine
  - new chapters on smoking cessation and asthma prevention
  - practical advice on providing structured asthma care in the primary care setting

- Press release of the Global Allergy and Asthma European Network (GA"LEN) on the recently published guidelines for health professionals on the diagnosis of aspirin hypersensitivity

Respiratory diseases: poorly controlled asthma – a primary care perspective

Children’s common respiratory problems
Prevention, diagnosis and management of respiratory allergy and asthma in children

Most can be done in primary care but... shared care and integration should be organized

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