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Section 7

Asthma Guidelines

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1. SCOTTISH INTERCOLLEGIATE GUIDELINES NETWORK (SIGN) / BRITISH THORACIC SOCIETY (BTS)

The Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) develops evidence based clinical practice guidelines for the National Health Service in Scotland.

The British Thoracic Society (BTS) aims to improve the care of people with respiratory disorders.

A ‘guideline’ is a statement that includes recommendations, strategies, or information that assist physicians and/or other healthcare practitioners and patients make decisions about appropriate measures of care for specific clinical circumstances. (ERS)

In October 2014, SIGN and BTS revised the British Guideline on the Management of Asthma (141). For further information, click on the links below:


2. NHS HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND (HIS)

Working in partnership with healthcare professionals and members of the public, Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) [formerly known as Quality Improvement Scotland (QIS)] develop and set standards. The standards are often based on the patient’s journey as he or she moves through different parts of the health service. The standards are clear and measurable, based on appropriate evidence, and written to take into account other recognised standards and clinical guidelines. The standards are supplemented by a self-assessment tool which allows NHS boards to measure their own compliance with the standards.

Healthcare Improvement Scotland - Asthma Services for Children and Young People Clinical Standards
www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/previous_resources/standards/asthma_services_for_children_a.aspx

3. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE (NICE)

National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) Guidance sets the standards for high quality healthcare and encourages healthy living. These guidelines can be used by the NHS, Local Authorities, employers, voluntary groups and anyone else involved in delivering care or promoting wellbeing.
3. NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE (NICE) [cont]

National institute of Clinical Excellence – Asthma Quality Standards: February 2013 - NICE has published 11 Quality Standards for Asthma (QS 25) that cover all aspects of asthma from diagnosis, review and management in primary care, exacerbations and review in hospital, and the assessment and management of difficult asthma:

4. EUROPEAN RESPIRATORY SOCIETY (ERS)

The European Respiratory Society (ERS) seeks to alleviate suffering from respiratory disease and promote lung health through research, sharing of knowledge and through medical and public education.

5. PRIMARY CARE RESPIRATORY SOCIETY (PCRS)

The Primary Care Respiratory Society (PCRS) is an independent charity representing primary health care professionals interested in delivering the best standards of respiratory care. It is dedicated to achieving optimal respiratory care.

Primary Care Respiratory Society UK Tools and Resources
https://www.pcrs-uk.org/asthma-resources