This is an EasyRead version of your



MART Asthma Management Plan

(12+ years for metered dose inhalers) for:



Name:



Best peak flow:



Date:



Your MART inhaler is called:



Your other asthma treatments are:



Your asthma doctor or nurse's name:

Please take this with you when you visit your doctor or asthma nurse.

Visit: Beatasthma.co.uk for more help



Green Zone - Good





You have one MART inhaler.



You take it every day, even when you are well.

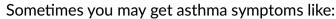


You take _ _ puffs with your spacer in the morning, every morning.



You take _ _puffs with your spacer at night, every night.

What are asthma symptoms?





• Cough, wheeze or shortness of breath.



Chest tightness.



Coughing when you are asleep.

You should get these less than 3 times a week.

How to use your MART inhaler for asthma symptoms.



If you have asthma symptoms you can take extra puffs of your MART inhaler to help you. These are called reliever puffs.



Take 2 reliever puffs with your spacer.



If you need to do this again you can do this after 2 minutes.



You should feel better.



You should not need to use your reliever very often.



If you need 3 or more reliever puffs in one week sort out an asthma review with your asthma doctor or nurse.



If you have had 4 reliever puffs and still have the symptoms or If you still have the symptoms that day, move to the Amber Zone.

Amber Zone - Feeling poorly

Warning signs that your asthma is getting worse:



 You have had 4 reliever puffs of your MART reliever today and you still have asthma symptoms.



• Your peak flow has dropped to: _ _ _ _

What to do in the Amber Zone



x2

• Take 2 more reliever puffs with your spacer, one puff at a time.





x2

• If you still have the symptoms after a few minutes you can take another 2 puffs with your spacer, one puff at a time.



 You will now have had up to a total of 8 reliever puffs today.



You should feel better.





 If your symptoms come back today you can have up to 8 more reliever puffs with your spacer again.





You must see a doctor or nurse in the next 24 hours to check you are ok.

Important!



If you have had 8 reliever puffs in one go and still have the symptoms



If you have had a total of 24 puffs in one day (your usual morning and evening puffs PLUS your extra reliever puffs added together) and still have symptoms: move to the Red Zone.

Red Zone - Feeling very bad



If you have had 8 reliever puffs in one go and still feel poorly:



• Sit up and stay calm.



Take 4 reliever puffs with your spacer.



You should feel better.



 Sort out an urgent review with your doctor or asthma nurse in the next few hours.



If you have had 12 reliever puffs in one go or 24 puffs added together today and still feel poorly or



 You are finding it hard to breathe and using your tummy or neck muscles.



You feel very tired.



You do not have enough breath to talk.



You have gone very pale or grey or blue or



Call 999 - asthma can kill you.



While you wait:



 Keep having 2 reliever puffs with your spacer every 2 minutes.



If you only have your blue inhaler with the spacer take 1 puff with your spacer every 30 seconds.



If the young person goes floppy and has an adrenaline pen use it now.

My triggers are:		
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Remember!



If you have a cold your triggers may make your asthma worse.



You may need to use your MART inhaler more.



Everyone breathes faster and deeper during exercise.

Only have reliever puffs if:





You have the symptoms or



You are still short of breath after you stop exercising.



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