

A flow chart for managing asthma exacerbations in primary care: this chart could be photocopied and included with a referral letter when admitting children to hospital (This chart is intended for monitoring patients in the pre-hospital setting, to act as an aide memoire as well as supplementary documentation for referral to hospital)

Name: DOB:/...../..... Best Previous PEF:.....

Date: ____/____/____ Time first seen: ____H ____

History:.....

Time	Pulse Rate	Resp rate	Using accessory muscles (Children)	PEF	Pulse oximetry (SpO2)	Cyanosis	Exhaustion	Oxygen flow rate	Treatment
___ H __			SCM y/n Scallini y/n Alae nasi y/n Intercostals y/n			Y/N		___ l/M	Salbutamol/ Terbutaline/Atrovent Dose: _____ Delivery: Nebuliser/Spacer Oral Steroid: _____ Inhaled steroid: _____
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SCM = Sternocleidomastoid muscles