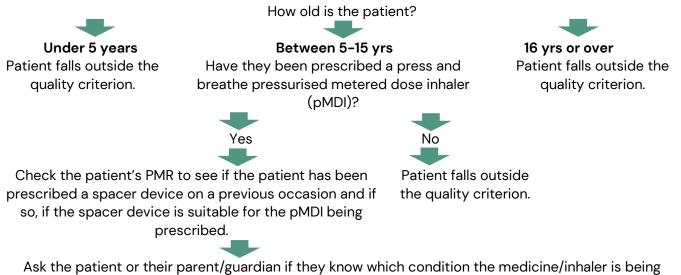


Suggested process for referral: for children aged 5-15 years who have been prescribed

## a press and breathe pressurised MDI for asthma without a spacer

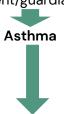
The pharmacy receives a prescription for a patient for a medicine or inhaler that can be used for asthma.



Ask the patient or their parent/guardian if they know which condition the medicine/inhaler is being prescribed for (if the patient or their parent/guardian is calling back to collect the prescription, highlight on the bagged-up medicines that the pharmacist/other staff member would like to speak to them following your normal method to do this. If the patient is a delivery patient, telephone the patient or parent/guardian).



Other indication If the patient is using an inhaler/medicine for an indication which is not asthma, they fall outside the quality criterion.



## Not known

If the patient or their parent/guardian does not know why they are using their inhaler or medicine, try to contact the patient's GP practice to confirm the indication.

## Child aged 5 –15 years prescribed a pMDI for asthma

Ask the patient or their parent/guardian if a spacer device is being used with the inhaler.

As appropriate, discuss the reasons why a spacer may be suitable with the patient or their parent/guardian and check their understanding of how to use their medicines/inhaler(s) and spacer device (if previously prescribed).

Where the patient is eligible, offer the New Medicine Service, including an inhaler technique check and other support as required.

If the patient is not using a spacer device (and it would be appropriate for them to do so) advise the patient that they should contact their GP practice to obtain a spacer device. Seek verbal consent to refer the patient to their GP practice.

If consent is obtained, send a referral form to the GP practice using the method previously agreed with the GP practice and indicate the reason for referral, i.e. to prescribe a spacer.

Complete the data collection form and make a record on the patient's PMR detailing the referral.