

Suggested process for referring patients for an asthma review: for patients who have had three or more short-acting bronchodilator inhalers dispensed without any corticosteroid inhaler within a six-month period

The pharmacy receives a prescription for a short-acting bronchodilator inhaler, but the patient has not been prescribed a corticosteroid inhaler.

Check the patient's Patient Medication Record (PMR) to see how many short-acting bronchodilator inhalers the patient has received in the last six months and if they have received a corticosteroid inhaler in this period.

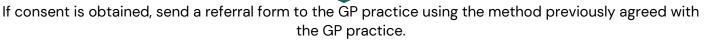
If the patient has received three or more short-acting bronchodilator inhalers in the last six months without a corticosteroid inhaler, speak to the patient to confirm how they are using the short-acting bronchodilator inhalers and what condition they have.



Discuss the issue with the patient and check their understanding of how to use their short-acting bronchodilator inhaler. Consider providing an inhaler technique check and other support as required.

If the patient is calling back to collect their prescription, highlight on the bagged-up medicines that the pharmacist would like to speak to the patient following your normal method to do this. If the patient is a delivery patient, telephone the patient.

Advise the patient that they should see a clinician at their GP practice for a review of their inhalers. Seek verbal consent to refer patient to their GP practice.





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

