

Asthma APGAR practice audit questions

Asthma APGAR Tool for practice assessment score: For each question:

Y = yes present, N = not documented, and U = unsure.

1. Activity: Was the number of missed activity days in the past 2 wks noted?

Y N U

2. Persistence

a. Was the number of days with symptoms in the past 2 wks noted?

Y N U

b. Was the number of nights with symptoms in the past 2 wks noted?

Y N U

3. TriGGers: Were triggers noted as being discussed?

Y N U

4. Adherence to asthma medications: Were the type and frequency of asthma medications taken in the past 2 weeks noted?

Y N U

5. Response to therapy: Was the patient's response to therapy noted?

Y N U

Explanation of Feedback Report

The 1st table includes NAEP objectives measured over a one-year period for 25 patients

- Note: While severity assessment may not be recorded every year for every patient, it should appear in the chart at least once – probably at diagnosis or when an asthmatic patient initiates care at this practice.
- Note: the last field (use of ICSs) is presented as the number of patients diagnosed with persistent asthma

Objectives measured over a one-year period	Number of Asthmatics	Percentage
PU Total Asthmatics	25	–
Severity assessment recorded?	15	40%
Assessment of environmental triggers?	20	80%
Written action plan in medical record?	1	4%
Using inhaled corticosteroids?*	5/10	50%

*note: Use of ICS presented as number of patients diagnosed with persistent asthma

The 2nd table includes NAEP objectives assessed by *EACH VISIT* where asthma was discussed with the patient

Objectives measured by each visit when asthma was addressed	Number of Visits	Percentage
PU Total Number of Visits	50	–
Assessment of level of control recorded?	10	20%
Timeframe of routine Follow-up visits:	–	–
less than 6 months	8	23%
6 months - 1 year	27	77%