



## INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS (ICS)

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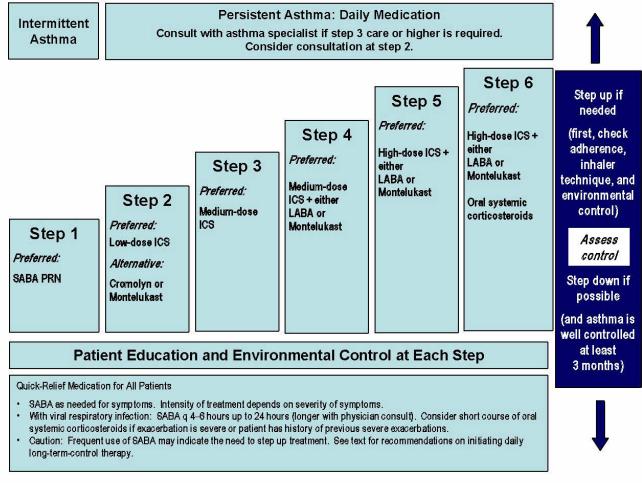
- Maureen George - “Inhaled Corticosteroids”
- Tim Op’t Holt - “Long-acting Beta 2 Agonists”
- Nina Evans - “ICS/LABA Combinations” & “Leukotriene Modifiers”

## OBJECTIVES

- 1) Describe the mode of action, therapeutic value and role in the management of asthma.
- 2) Identify potential adverse effects and strategies for managing patients to minimize side effects
- 3) Evaluate the cost, barriers and potential benefit of this class of medications.

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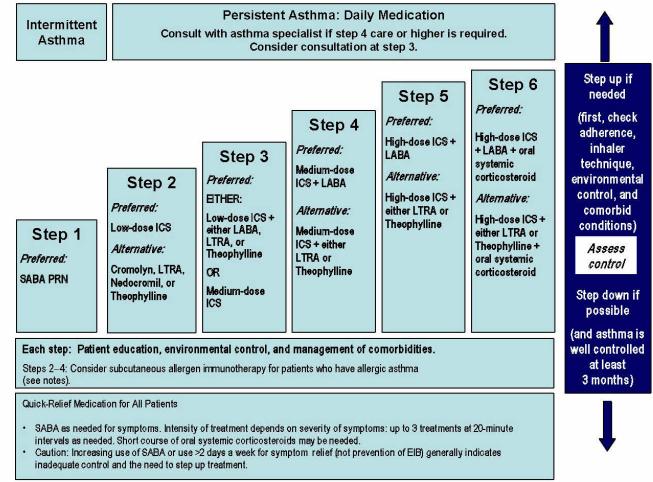
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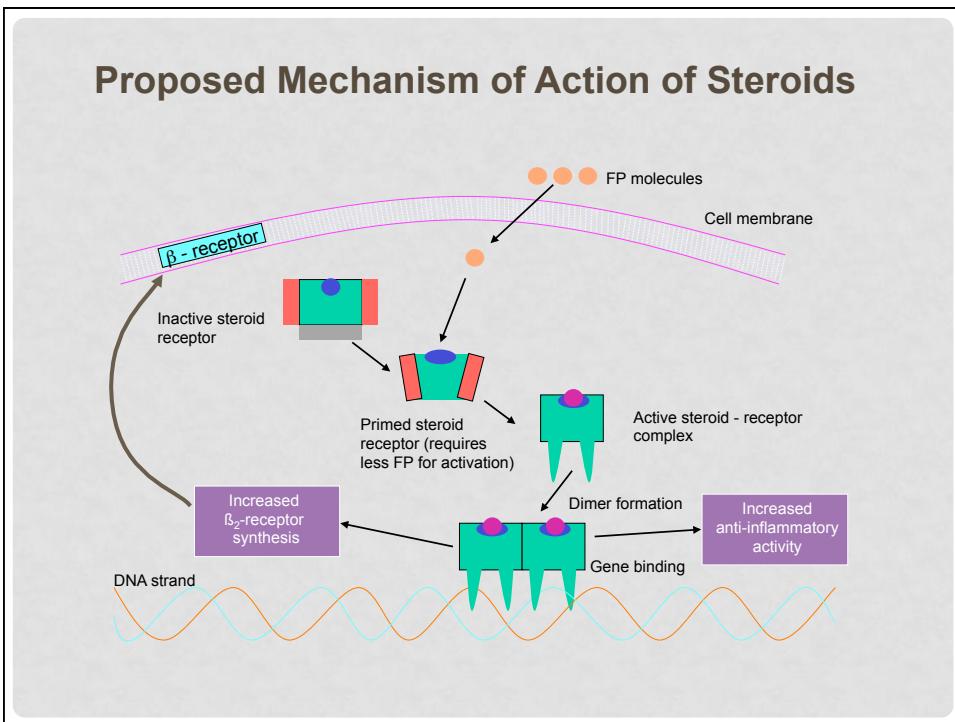
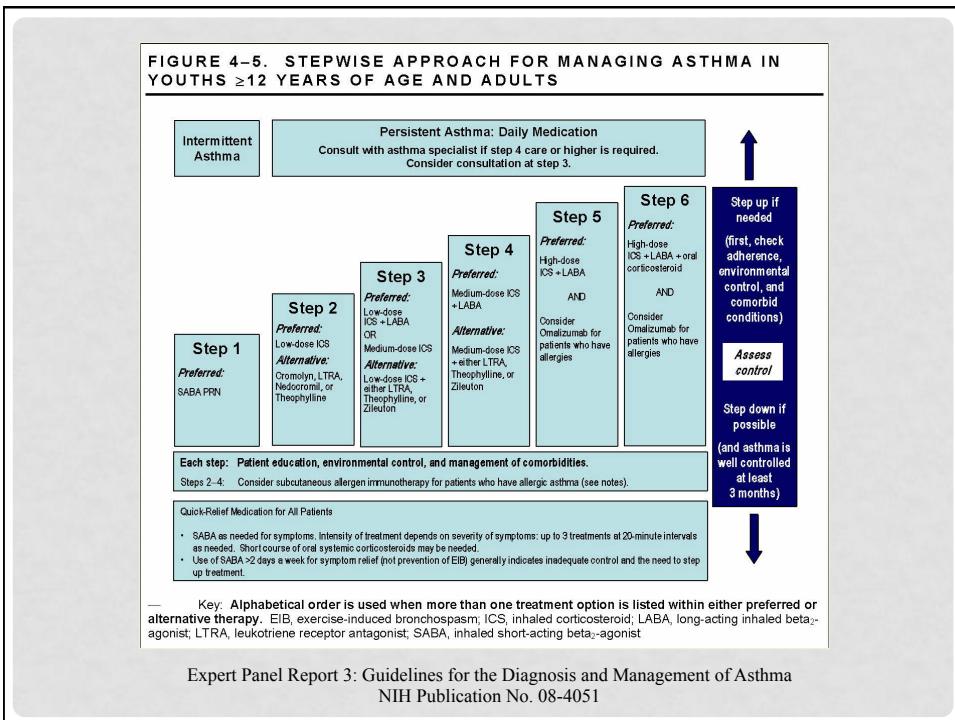
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**FIGURE 4-1b. STEPWISE APPROACH FOR MANAGING ASTHMA IN CHILDREN 5-11 YEARS OF AGE**



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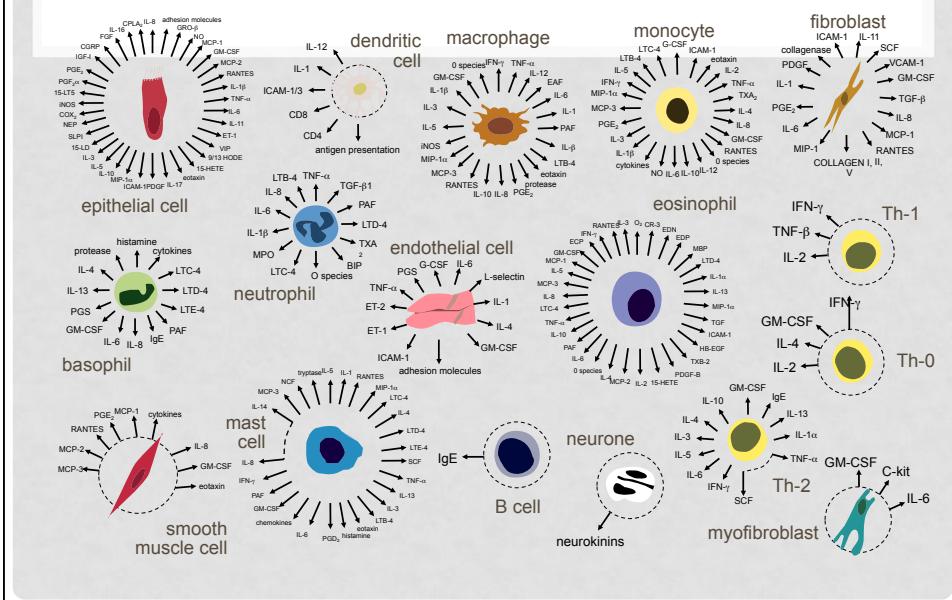
## INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS (ICS): MOST EFFECTIVE LONG-TERM CONTROLLER FOR ASTHMA

## **The daily use of ICS results in the following:**

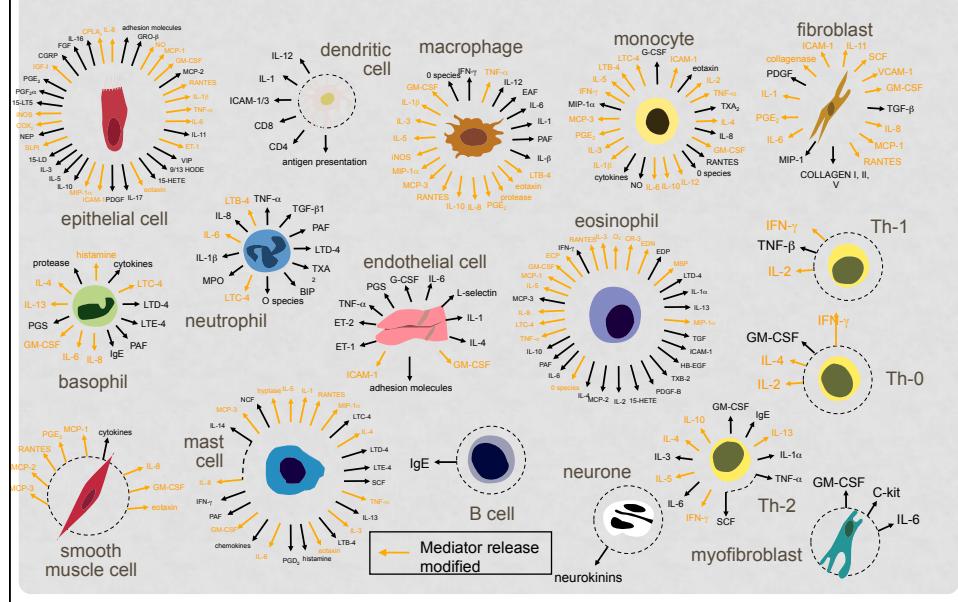
- Asthma symptoms will diminish. Improvement will continue gradually over 60-90 days
- Occurrence of severe exacerbations is greatly reduced
- Need for quick-relief medication decreases
- Lung function improves significantly, as measured by  $FEV_1$ ,  $FEV_1/FVC$ ,  $PEF(?)$  & airway hyperresponsiveness

**Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma. 2007.**

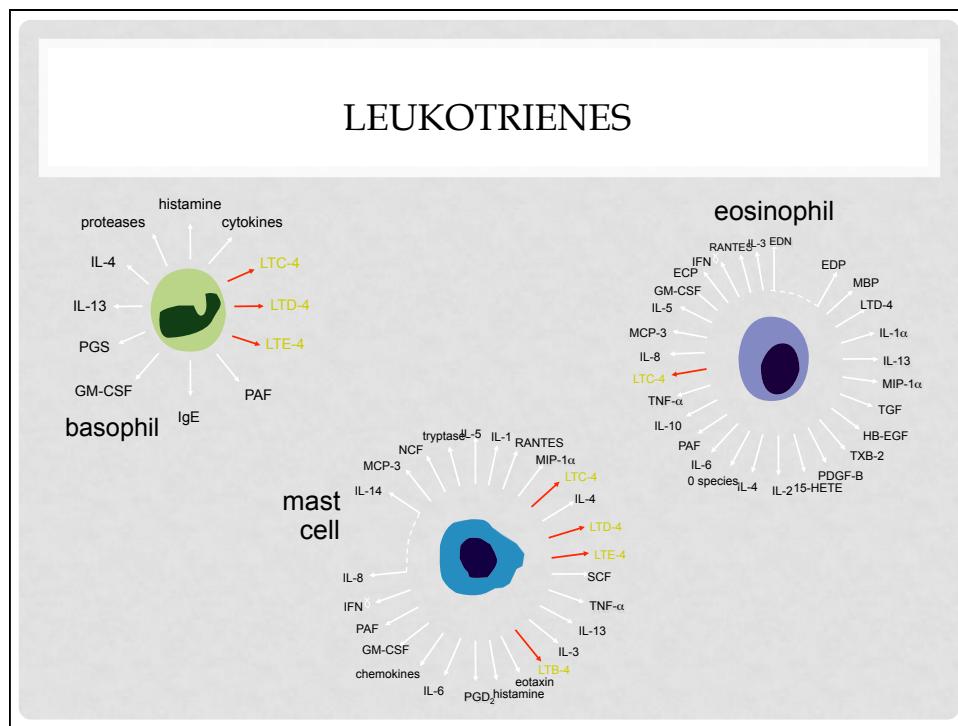
## Mechanisms involved in inflammation



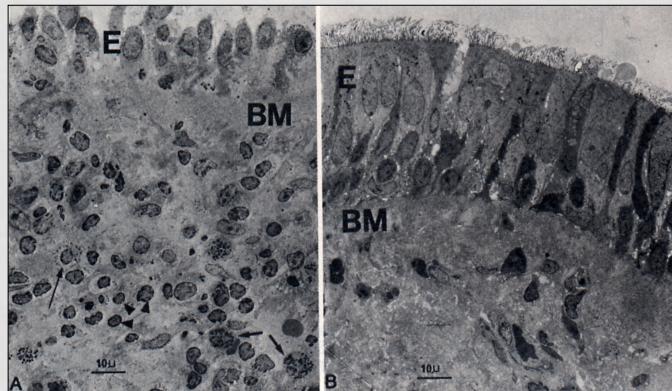
## Effects of Corticosteroids on Inflammatory Cells



## LEUKOTRIENES



## EFFECTS OF INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS ON INFLAMMATION

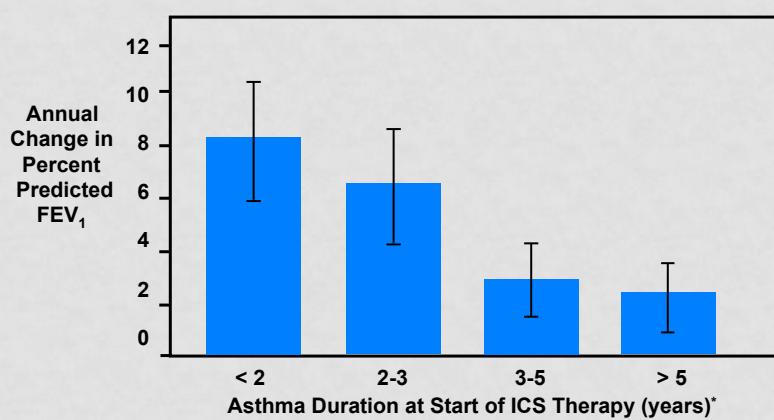


Pre- and post-3-month treatment with budesonide (BUD) 600 mcg b.i.d.

E = Epithelium  
BM = Basement Membrane

Laitinen et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 1992;90:32-42.

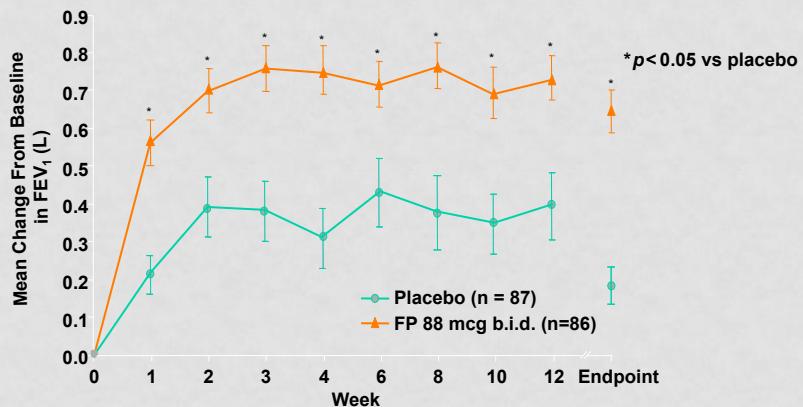
## MEAN ANNUAL INCREASE IN FEV<sub>1</sub> DURING ICS THERAPY IN PEDIATRIC PATIENTS



\*Mean values and 95% confidence intervals are shown.

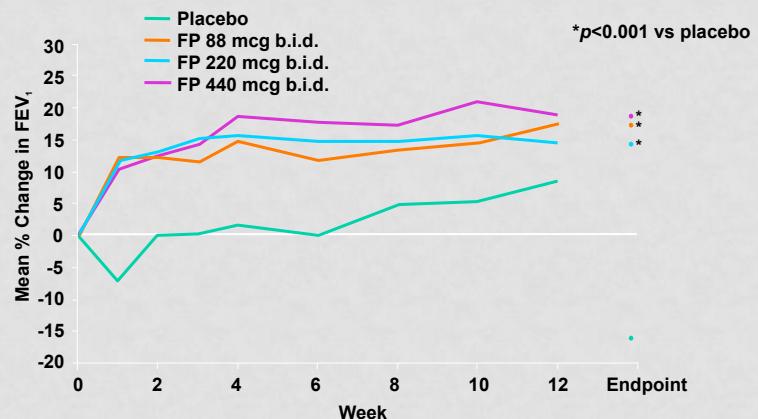
Agertoft L, Pedersen S. *Respir Med.* 1994;88:373-381.

PATIENTS INADEQUATELY CONTROLLED ON BRONCHODILATORS ALONE: MEAN CHANGE FROM BASELINE ( $\pm$ SEM) IN FEV<sub>1</sub> (LITERS) PRIOR TO AM DOSE



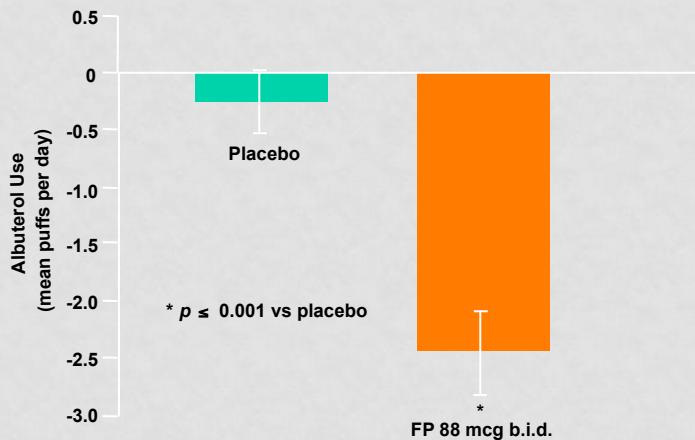
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PATIENTS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVING DAILY INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS – MEAN PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM BASELINE IN FEV<sub>1</sub> PRIOR TO AM DOSE



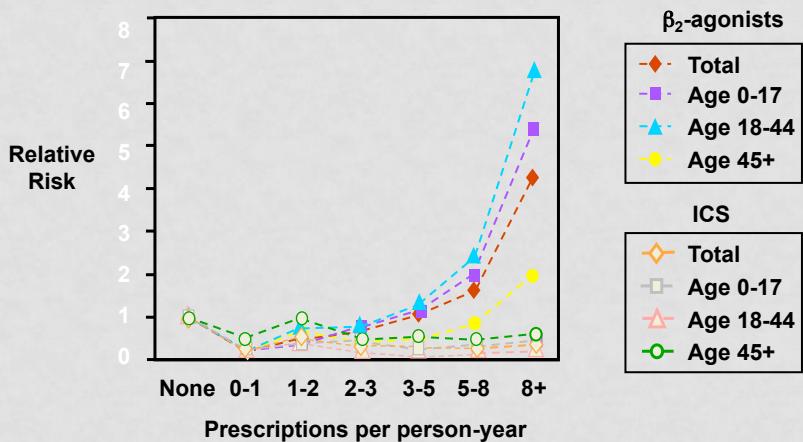
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PATIENTS INADEQUATELY CONTROLLED ON BRONCHODILATORS ALONE: MEAN DECREASE FROM BASELINE ( $\pm$ SEM) TO ENDPOINT IN ALBUTEROL USE



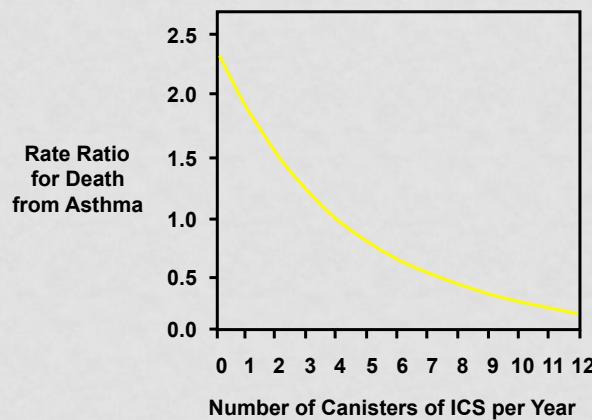
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Relative Risk of Hospitalization in the United States



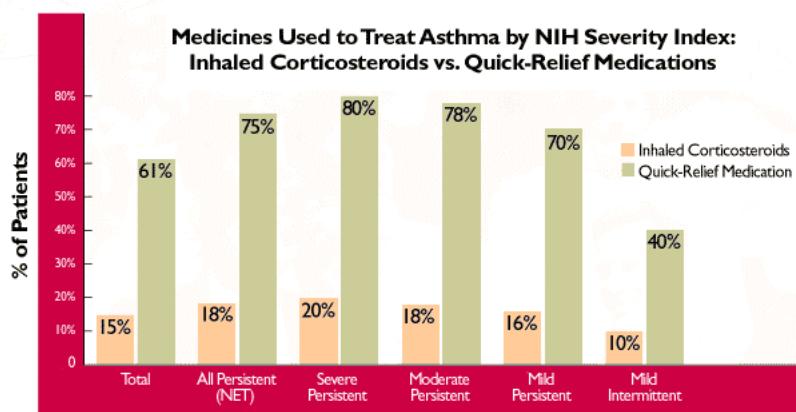
Donahue et al. *JAMA*. 1997;277:887-891.

## Low-dose ICS and the Prevention of Death from Asthma in Canada



Suissa et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2000;343:332-336.

## Patients and inhaled corticosteroids



Base: All patients (unweighted N=2509).

**Asthma**  
**in AMERICA**  
A LEARNER'S SURVEY  
An Executive Summary

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L											
1	Sample FQHC								March 2014 - February 2015														
2	N =	randomized listing number																					
3	DCN =	Medicaid number																					
4	ACD =	Acute Care Days = ED visits + inpatient days																					
5	ED =	# times in emergency room																					
6	SOS =	Systemic or Oral Steroid = # times steroids taken																					
7	SABA =	# of inhalers obtained Short-acting Beta Agonist																					
8	ICS =	# / 12 as a % of expected refills																					
9	(all calculations are for the preceding 12 months)																						
10																							
11	N	DCN	ACD	Hospital	ED	SOS	SABA	ICS															
228	217	###	0	0	0	1	0	0%															
229	218	###	8	0	8	2	4	33%															
230	219	###	4	0	4	10	9	42%															
231	220	###	4	0	4	0	5	25%															
232	221	###	0	0	0	0	0	0%															
233	222	###	1	0	1	0	1	0%															
234	223	###	2	0	2	1	11	58%															
235	224	###	2	0	2	0	3	33%															
236	225	###	2	0	2	1	1	17%															
237	226	###	6	0	6	2	14	17%															
238	227	###	0	0	0	0	3	25%															
239	228	###	0	0	0	0	3	33%															
240	229	###	1	0	1	0	5	58%															
241	230	###	0	0	0	0	2	17%															
242	231	###	6	0	6	3	3	50%															
243	232	###	0	0	0	1	3	8%															
244	233	###	6	0	6	1	3	0%															
245	234	###	0	0	0	0	1	17%															
246			498	140	358	108	595	20%															
247																							
248																							
249	Mean									Risk Profile (Zero equals No Risk)													
250	ACD rate	2.1								SOS/ICS ratio 0.19													
251	SOS rate	0.5								ACD/ICS ratio 0.90													
252	ICS rate	2.4								SABA/ICS ratio 1.07													
253	SABA rate	2.5																					
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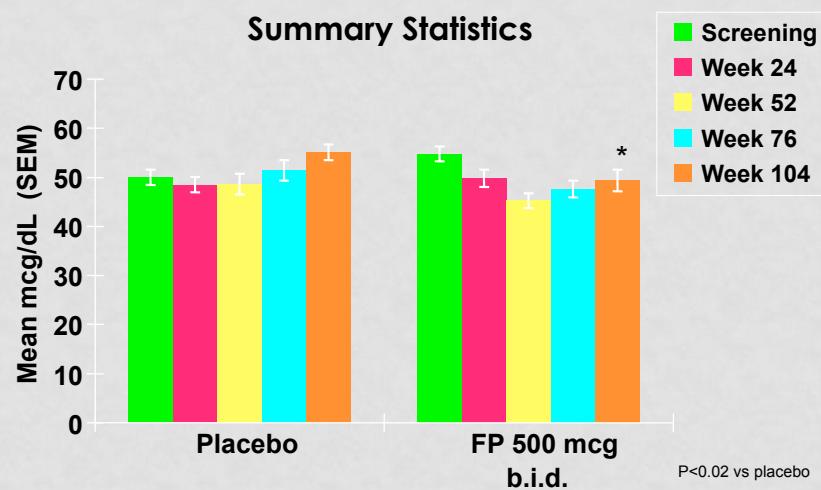
## Underutilization of ICS

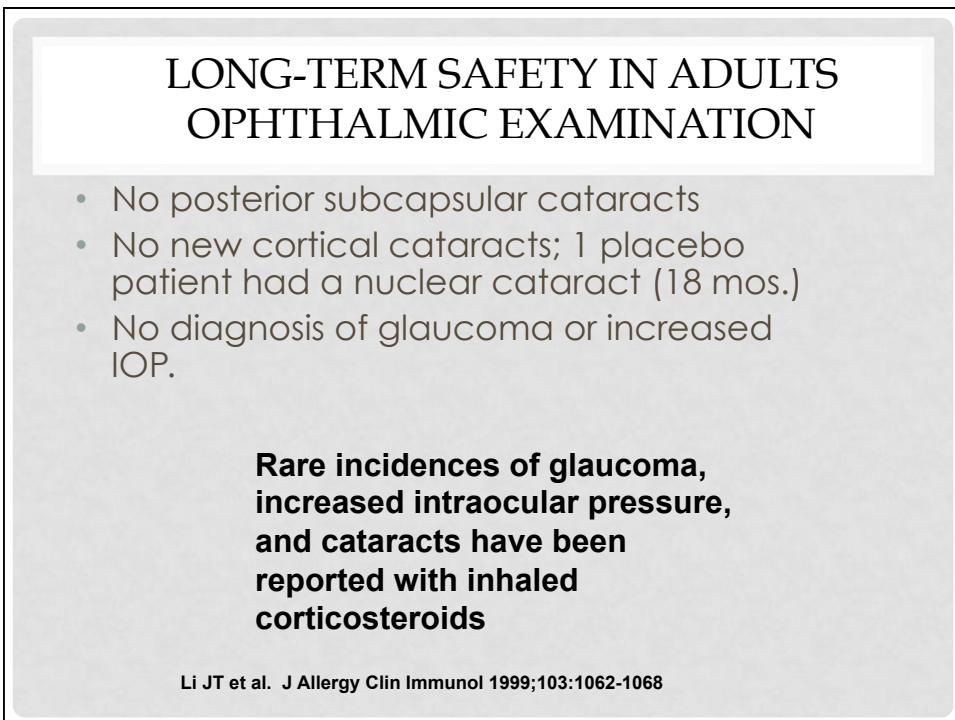
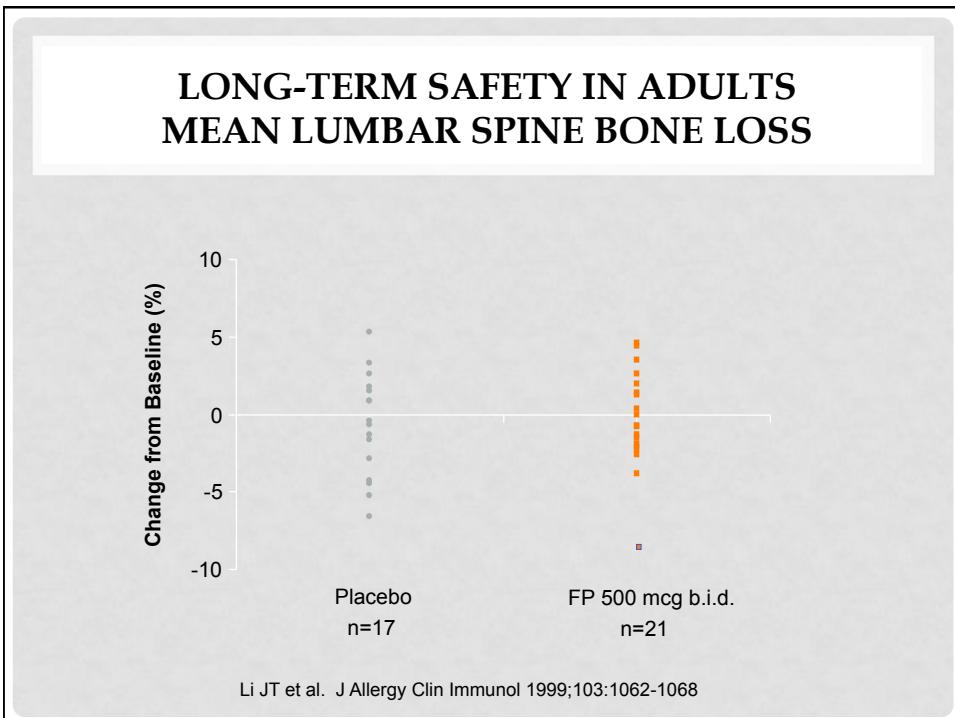
- Inadequately prescribed by providers
  - Inaccurate determination of persistent disease
  - Safety concerns
- Inadequately taken by patients
  - Reluctance to use daily therapy
  - Fear of “steroids” and confusion with anabolic steroids
  - Lack of perception of effect

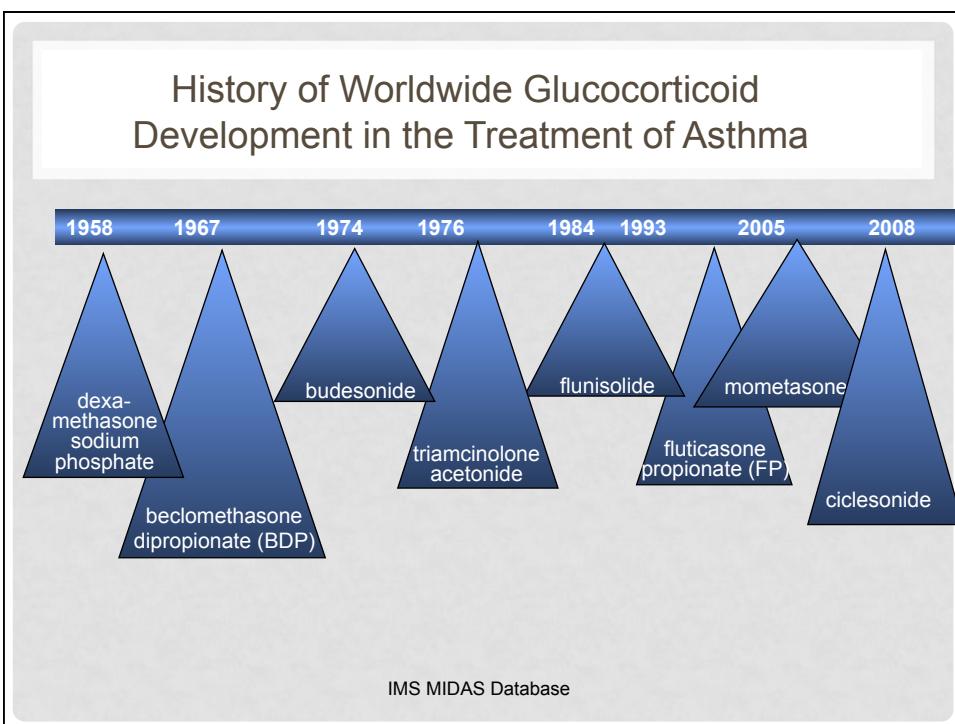
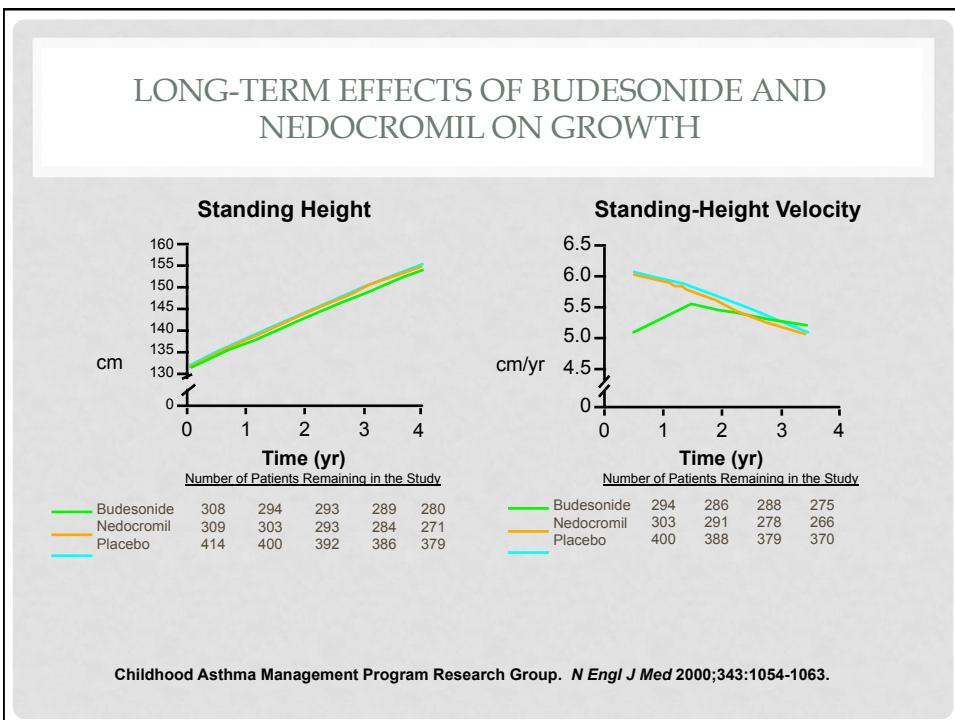
## INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS: POTENTIAL THERAPEUTIC RISKS

- HPA axis suppression
- Decreased bone mineral density
- Ophthalmic changes
- Growth Suppression
- Bruising

## 6-HOUR COSYNTROPIN TEST: PEAK PLASMA CORTISOL







## PHARMACOLOGIC PROFILE OF NEWER ICS

- High topical anti-inflammatory activity
- High lipophilicity
- High glucocorticoid receptor selectivity/affinity
- Systemic bioavailability of approximately 30% with less than 1-5% available through the oral route

**The clinical relevance of these pharmacologic properties has not been established.**

## LIPOPHILICITY OF NEW ICS

- Increased uptake in lung tissue
- Slow release from lung lipid compartment
- Increased affinity for steroid receptor
- Prolonged receptor occupancy/action

**The clinical relevance of these pharmacologic properties has not been established.**

Johnson M. J Allergy Clin Immunol 1996;97:169-176.

## Relative potency of inhaled corticosteroids

Medication	Topical Potency (Skin Blanching)*	Corticosteroid Receptor Binding Half-Life	Receptor Binding Affinity
Fluticasone propionate (FP)	1,200	10.5 hours	18.0
Budesonide (BUD)	980	5.1 hours	9.4
Beclomethasone diprop (BDP)	600	7.5 hours	13.5
Triamcinolone acetonide (TAA)	330	3.9 hours	3.6
Flunisolide (FLU)	330	3.5 hours	1.8

\*Numbers are assigned in reference to dexamethasone, which has a value of "1" in the MacKenzie test.

National Asthma Education and Prevention Program. *Expert Panel Report 2:*

## INHALED ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES

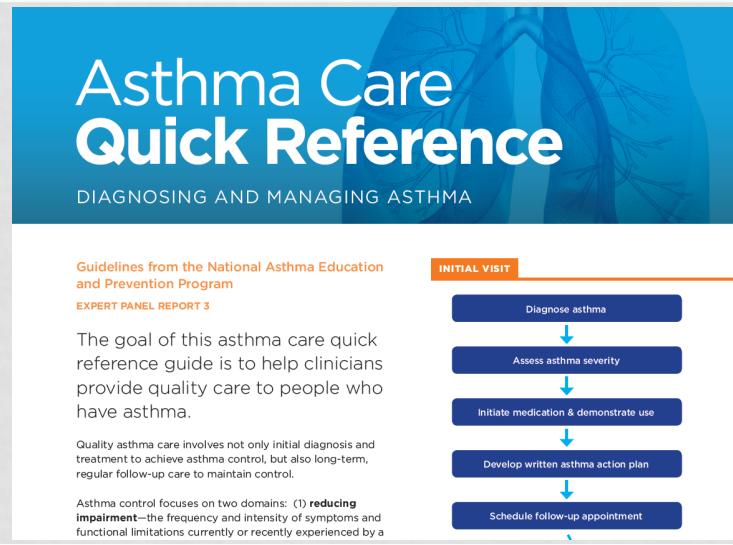
### The provider/educator action is:

- Teach patient about delay onset of action
- Teach patient to take EVERY DAY (twice?)
- Demonstrate proper technique
- Have patient demonstrate technique
- Instruct patient to use a spacer for MDI
- Instruct patient to rinse & spit (eat or drink) after use
- Teach patient days supply per canister
- Calendar cues to check counter
- Consider reasons for non-response

Daily Dose	0-4 years of age			5-11 years of age			≥12 years of age		
	Low	Medium*	High*	Low	Medium*	High*	Low	Medium*	High*
<b>MEDICATION</b>									
<b>Beclomethasone MDI<sup>†</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	80-160 mcg 1-2 puffs 2x/day	>160-320 mcg 3-4 puffs 2x/day	>320 mcg	80-240 mcg 1-3 puffs 2x/day	>240-480 mcg 4-6 puffs 2x/day	>480 mcg
40 mcg/puff									
80 mcg/puff				1 puff 2x/day	2 puffs 2x/day	≥3 puffs 2x/day	1 puff am, 2 puffs pm	2-3 puffs 2x/day	≥4 puffs 2x/day
<b>Budesonide DPI<sup>†</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	180-360 mcg 1-2 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>360-720 mcg 3-4 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>720 mcg	180-540 mcg 1-3 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>540-1,080 mcg 2-3 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>1,080 mcg ≥4 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day
90 mcg/inhalation									
180 mcg/ inhalation									
<b>Budesonide Nebules</b>	0.25-0.5 mg 0.25 mg	>0.5-1.0 mg 1-2 nebs <sup>s</sup> /day	>1.0 mg 1 neb <sup>s</sup> /day	0.5 mg 1 neb <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	1.0 mg 1 neb <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	2.0 mg 1 neb <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	N/A	N/A	N/A
0.5 mg									
1.0 mg									
<b>Ciclesonide MDI<sup>†</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	80-160 mcg 1-2 puffs/day	>160-320 mcg 1 puff am, 2 puffs pm- 2 puffs 2x/day	>320 mcg ≥3 puffs 2x/day	160-320 mcg 1-2 puffs 2x/day	>320-640 mcg 3-4 puffs 2x/day	>640 mcg
80 mcg/puff									
160 mcg/puff									
<b>Flunisolide MDI<sup>†</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	160 mcg 1 puff 2x/day	320-480 mcg 2-3 puffs 2x/day	>480 mcg ≥4 puffs 2x/day	320 mcg 2 puffs 2x/day	>320-640 mcg 3-4 puffs 2x/day	>640 mcg ≥5 puffs 2x/day
80 mcg/puff									

Daily Dose	0-4 years of age			5-11 years of age			≥12 years of age		
	Low	Medium*	High*	Low	Medium*	High*	Low	Medium*	High*
<b>MEDICATION</b>									
<b>Fluticasone MDI<sup>†</sup></b>	176 mcg 2 puffs 2x/day	>176-352 mcg 3-4 puffs 2x/day	>352 mcg	88-176 mcg 1-2 puffs 2x/day	>176-352 mcg 3-4 puffs 2x/day	>352 mcg	88-264 mcg 1-3 puffs 2x/day	>264-440 mcg 2 puffs 2x/day	>440 mcg 3 puffs 2x/day
44 mcg/puff									
110 mcg/puff									
220 mcg/puff									
<b>Fluticasone DPI<sup>†</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	100-200 mcg 1-2 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>200-400 mcg 3-4 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>400 mcg	100-300 mcg 1-3 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>300-500 mcg 2 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>500 mcg ≥3 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day
50 mcg/inhalation									
100 mcg/inhalation									
250 mcg/inhalation									
<b>Mometasone DPI<sup>†</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	110 mcg 1inh <sup>s</sup> /day	220-440 mcg 1-2 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>440 mcg ≥3 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	110-220 mcg 1-2 inh <sup>s</sup> pm	>220-440 mcg 3-4 inh <sup>s</sup> pm or 2 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day	>440 mcg ≥3 inh <sup>s</sup> 2x/day
110 mcg/inhalation									
220 mcg/inhalation									

- ICS comparable dose chart by age group,  
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## JOINT TASK FORCE PRACTICE PARAMETERS

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### Practice Parameter

#### Management of acute loss of asthma control in the yellow zone: a practice parameter



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## WHAT TO DO IN THE “YELLOW ZONE”

**Summary Statement 6:** Advise patients currently treated with daily low-to-moderate dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) therapy to consider increasing the total ICS dose per 24 hours (ie, quadrupling) for managing loss of asthma control in the yellow zone. (Option: B Evidence)

**Summary Statement 7:** For children younger than 6 years with recurrent wheezing and risk factors for subsequent asthma (ie, positive modified asthma predictive index), consider initiating high-dose ICS or oral montelukast at the early signs of wheezing illnesses to decrease intensity of symptoms. (Option: B Evidence)

**Summary Statement 8:** For patients with mild to moderate asthma, consider recommending symptom-driven use of ICS with concomitant inhaled  $\beta$  agonist for control of yellow zone symptoms. (Option: B Evidence)

## Asthma Topics

1. Role of Adjustable Medication Dosing in Recurrent Wheezing and Asthma
2. Role of Long Acting Anti-Muscarinic Agents (LAMAs) in Asthma Management as Add-on to ICSs
3. Role of Bronchial Thermoplasty in Adult Severe Asthma
4. Role of Fractional exhaled Nitric Oxide (FeNO) in Diagnosis, Medication Selection, and Monitoring Treatment Response in Asthma
5. Role of Remediation of Indoor Allergens (e.g., House Dust Mites/Animals/Pests) in Asthma Management
6. Role of Immunotherapy in Treatment of Asthma

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