



## School Nurses Impacting Cost and Outcomes

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Describe background, research  
design and instruments

Objective 1

Review findings and implications

Objective 2

Discuss strategies for deploying  
and sustaining the intervention

### Objective 3

Assign a grade to the US Health  
System for Asthma Care Quality and  
Value

- **A** - excellent
- **B** - good
- **C** - average
- **D** - poor
- **F** - failing

## Need Assessments

- 2003 survey by MO DHSS to determine the training/resource needs of MO school nurses
- 2005 web survey of the needs of practicing Missouri school nurses
- 2005 survey of school nurses assessing asthma disability among Missouri students

Bachman, J. A., Brennan, P. F., Patrick, T. B., & Cole, M. (2005). A world wide web-based health resource. Survey of Missouri school nurses to determine priority health information resources for Schoolhealthlink. *Journal of School Nursing*, 16(1), 28-33.



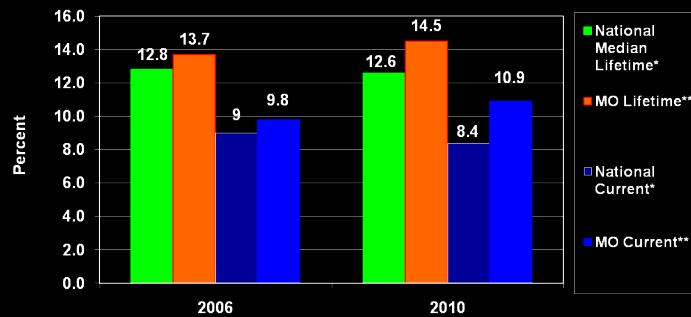
## Gaps in Asthma Care at School

- No uniform asthma training for school nurses
- Lack of peak flow meters and spacers
- Lack of quick relief medications for students
- No asthma educational materials
- Lack of educational materials for families
- Lack of uniform school asthma care policies

# Missouri Asthma Prevalence

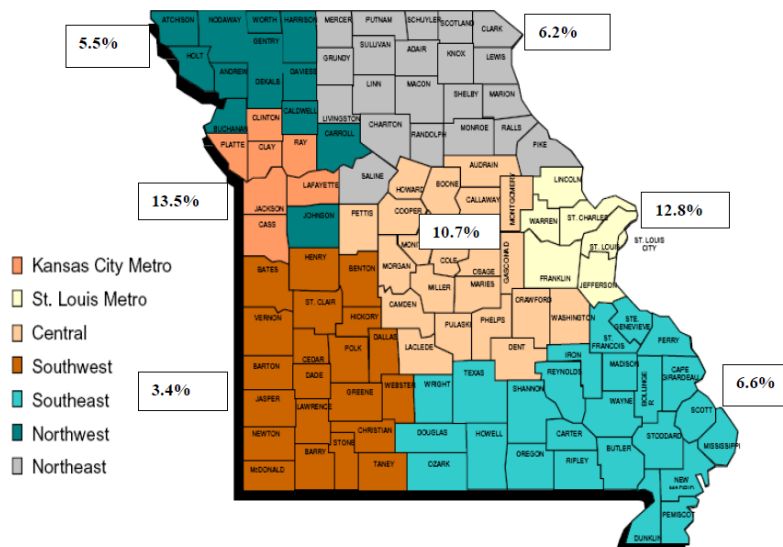
## Children, less than age 18 by Year

**Approximately 152,888 children with current asthma (2010)**



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Weighted Prevalence of Current Asthma Among Children, age 17 and younger, by Missouri BRFSS Region, 2012



DHSS Missouri 2012 BRFSS Data Report  
State Prevalence 10.1%

## Disability Defined

- Newacheck & Halfon (2000) defined disabling asthma “long-term reduction in the ability to participate in children’s usual activities, such as attending school and engaging in play”. Used National Health Interview Survey data to examine disability among 62,171 children under age 18.

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## U.S. Asthma Disability Trend

- Newacheck & Halfon (2000) reported a 232% increase in disabling asthma from 1960-1998 among school age children. This is far in excess of increases in asthma prevalence (70%) and increases in disability due to other chronic illness in childhood (113%). Why the increase?

Newacheck, P. W., & Halfon, N. (2000). Prevalence, impact, and trends in childhood disability due to asthma. *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.*, 154(3), 287-293.

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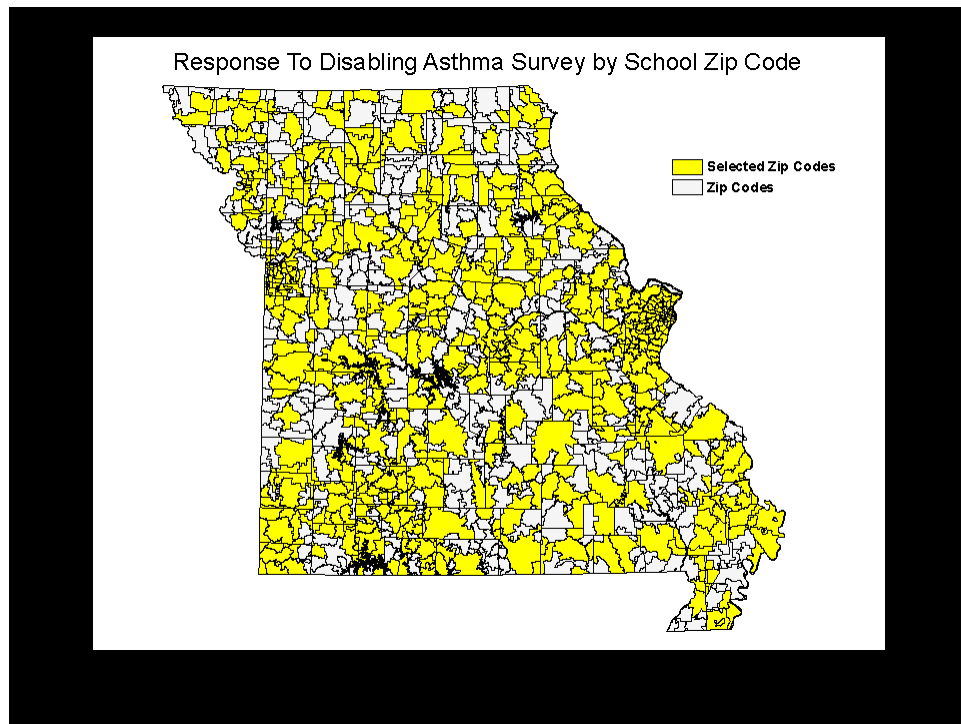
## Disabling Asthma Survey Criteria

### **Children with asthma:**

- Absent from school more than a day a month or 10 days a year, or
- Reduced capacity for physical activity resulting in restrictions in curricular or extracurricular activities, or
- Serious asthma symptoms that interfere w/ school participation several times a year

## Survey Distribution

- Disabling Asthma Survey mailed to 1200 school nurses in April of 2005
- Response rate of >80%
- Data were analyzed for >520,000 Missouri school children, 487/669 zip code tabulation areas (Francisco and Konig, 2005)

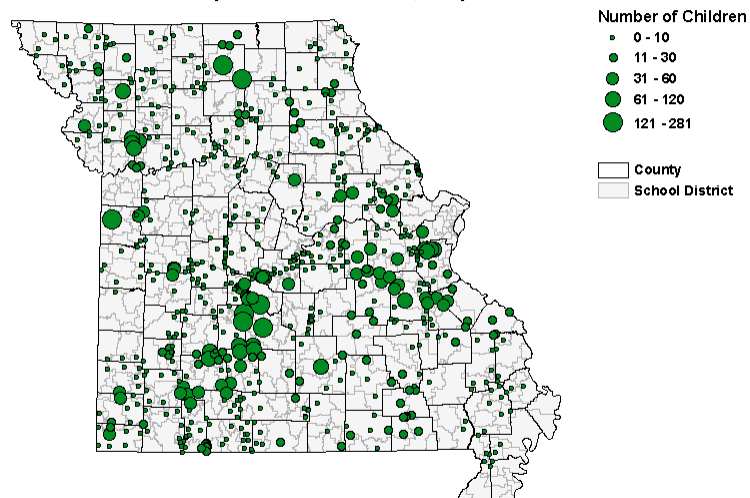


## Missouri Disabling Asthma Rates

- Missouri mean among rural children 2.1%
- Skewed distribution across zip codes
- Missouri median was 1.4% (=national rate)
- Geographic disparity for disabling asthma
- 50 zip codes at 4-15 national rate



Numbers of Rural School Children in Missouri with Disabling Asthma  
by School ZIP Code, May 2005



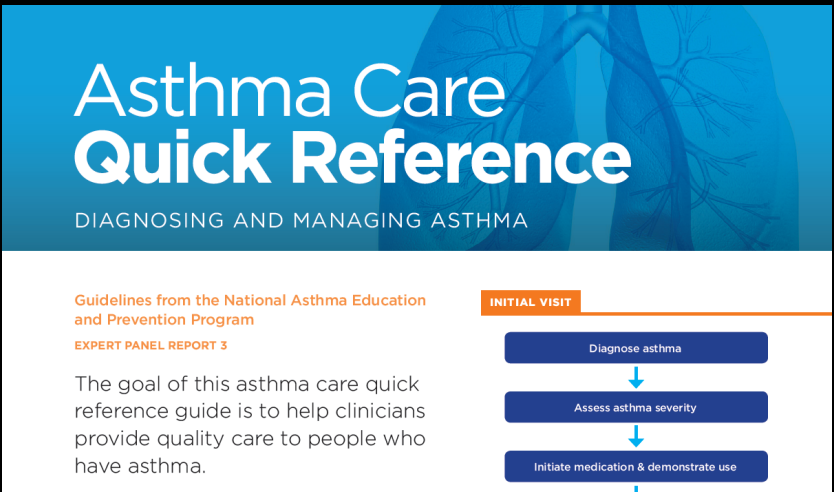
Source: Francisco, B. and Konig, P., 2005. School Nurse Survey of Disabling Asthma in Missouri, Unpublished Data, University of Missouri, Columbia.

## Burden of Childhood Asthma

- 152,888 with current asthma  
(MO DHSS, 2010) ~6.6%- 12% (BRFSS region)
- >55,000 taking asthma Rx at school  
(MO DESE, 2006), >75,000 (2011)
- ~25,000 with disabling asthma  
(Francisco & Konig, 2005)
- Disparity – race, age, gender, geography  
Focus on reducing the level of impairment!

## Asthma Care Quick Reference (EPR3)

[http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/asthma\\_qrg.pdf](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/asthma_qrg.pdf)



**Asthma Care Quick Reference**  
DIAGNOSING AND MANAGING ASTHMA

Guidelines from the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program  
EXPERT PANEL REPORT 3

The goal of this asthma care quick reference guide is to help clinicians provide quality care to people who have asthma.

**INITIAL VISIT**

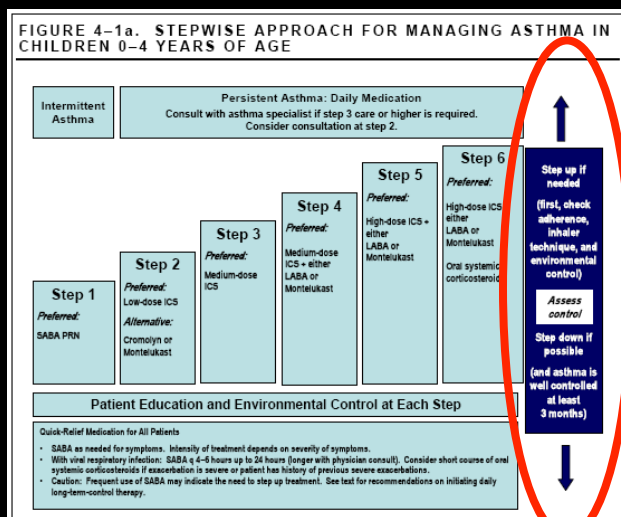
- Diagnose asthma
- Assess asthma severity
- Initiate medication & demonstrate use

**“A four component approach is effective for controlling asthma”, EPR3**

- 1) Measures of Assessment & Monitoring**
- 2) Education for a Partnership in Care**
- 3) Control of Environmental Factors and Comorbid Conditions that Affect Asthma**
- 4) Medications**

**(EPR3, p. 35)**

## Clinicians Adjust Rx Therapy Based on...



## EPR3 Guide to Stepping Therapy Up or Down

- **Step up IF** needed
- FIRST, check adherence
- THEN, check inhaler technique
- AND, check environmental control
- **Step Down**, IF asthma is well controlled for 3 months or longer

**Must base therapy step changes on **assessment** of adherence, inhalation technique and triggers**



## Clinicians Assess Impairment & Risk – Can School Nurses Contribute Actionable Data?

FIGURE 4-3b. ASSESSING ASTHMA CONTROL AND ADJUSTING THERAPY IN CHILDREN 5-11 YEARS OF AGE

Components of Control		Classification of Asthma Control (5–11 years of age)		
		Well Controlled	Not Well Controlled	Very Poorly Controlled
Impairment	Symptoms	≤2 days/week but not more than once on each day	>2 days/week or multiple times on ≤2 days/week	Throughout the day
	Nighttime awakenings	≤1x/month	>2x/month	≥2x/week
	Interference with normal activity	None	Some limitation	Extremely limited
	Short-acting beta <sub>2</sub> -agonist use for symptom control (not prevention of EIB)	≤2 days/week	>2 days/week	Several times per day
	Lung function <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FEV<sub>1</sub> or peak flow</li><li>• FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC</li></ul>	>80% predicted/ personal best >80%	60–80% predicted/ personal best 75–80%	<60% predicted/ personal best <75%
Risk	Exacerbations requiring oral systemic corticosteroids	0–1/year	≥2/year (see note)	
	Reduction in lung growth	Consider severity and interval since last exacerbation		
	Treatment-related adverse effects	Evaluation requires long-term followup.  Medication side effects can vary in intensity from none to very troublesome and worrisome. The level of intensity does not correlate to specific levels of control but should be considered in the overall assessment of risk.		
Recommended Action for Treatment (See figure 4–1b for treatment steps.)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain current step.</li><li>• Regular followup every 1–6 months.</li><li>• Consider step down if well controlled for at least 3 months.</li><li>• Step up at least 1 step and</li><li>• Reevaluate in 2–6 weeks.</li><li>• For side effects: consider alternative treatment options.</li><li>• Consider short course of oral systemic corticosteroids.</li><li>• Step up 1–2 steps, and</li><li>• Reevaluate in 2 weeks.</li><li>• For side effects, consider alternative treatment options.</li></ul>		

## Teaming Up for Asthma Control

- Aim: Improve asthma control in school age children in Missouri
- Intervention:
  - Promote school nurse competency
    - Clinically relevant assessment of impairment
    - Monitoring and reporting asthma control status
    - Improving student self-care
    - Promote family education, healthy homes

## Align Sustainable Intervention w/EPR3

- Educational messages & self-care coaching

Expert Panel Report 3 (EPR3)	Key messages
Assessment / monitoring	Measure airflow (FEV1)
Education for self-management	Inhaler identification / training
Control environment /co-morbidities	Avoid triggers, manage co-morbidities
Appropriate pharmacologic therapy	Inhaled corticosteroid improves control

- Expanded reimbursement for providers
  - Opportunity to involve school nurses



## Asthma Control Assessment

Components of Control		Classification of Asthma Control (≥12 years of age)		
		Well Controlled	Not Well Controlled	Very Poorly Controlled
Impairment	Symptoms	≤2 days/week	>2 days/week	Throughout the day
	Nighttime awakenings	≤2x/month	1–3x/week	≥4x/week
	Interference with normal activity	None	Some limitation	Extremely limited
	Short-acting beta <sub>2</sub> -agonist use for symptom control (not prevention of EIB)	≤2 days/week	>2 days/week	Several times per day
	FEV <sub>1</sub> or peak flow	>80% predicted/ personal best	60–80% predicted/ personal best	<60% predicted/ personal best
	Validated questionnaires			
	ATAQ	0	1–2	3–4
	ACQ	≤0.75*	≥1.5	N/A
	ACT	≥20	16–19	≤15

## Improve Asthma Assessment & Education for Self Care at School

- The 1<sup>st</sup> component of care “Assessment & Monitoring”
- Reality check – 0.5-1.6 outpatient visits per year for MO Medicaid children with asthma
- Challenge – obtain “Assessment & Monitoring” data at an affordable cost
- Objective – school-based services to support clinical decision-making, provide care and education to improve patient outcomes



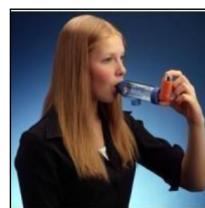
### Creating Asthma-Friendly Schools EPR-3 Recommendations and Priority Messages

#### Inhaled Corticosteroids

EPR-3 Recommendation: Inhaled corticosteroids (ICSs) are the most potent and consistently effective long-term control medication for asthma. ICSs should be taken on a long-term basis to achieve and maintain control of persistent asthma. [www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/glp\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/glp_rpt.pdf)

#### Message for Schools

Parents of school children who have asthma should be aware and educate their children that ICSs are: 1) the preferred medication for persistent asthma, 2) safe for long-term use, 3) shown to reduce the risk of fatal asthma, 4) only effective if carefully inhaled, usually twice daily, into the lungs for several weeks, and 5) should only be discontinued under the advice of a qualified health care provider who can carefully monitor lung function in the following months.



## Creating Asthma-Friendly Schools

### EPR-3 Recommendations and Priority Messages

#### Asthma Control



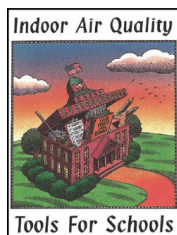
EPR-3 Recommendation: Every patient with asthma should be taught to recognize symptom patterns and monitor airflow to identify poor asthma control and the need for additional therapy. Control should be routinely monitored to assess whether impairment and risk are reduced.

[www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/gip\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/gip_rpt.pdf)

#### Message for Schools

School nurses should routinely assess control. Monitor and report: 1) frequency of need for quick relief medications, 2) impairment related to breathing problems, 3) missed school days, and 4) diminished airflow measures (FEV<sub>1</sub> or PEF). Communicate regularly with parents and asthma care clinicians, especially when asthma is not well controlled.

#### Allergen and Irritant Exposure Control



[www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schools/)

EPR-3 Recommendation: Review patients' exposure to allergens and irritants, particularly perennial allergens (dust mites, cock roach and pet dander) and tobacco smoke. Provide a multifaceted, comprehensive strategy to reduce exposure to those allergens and irritants to which students may be sensitive.

[www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/gip\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/asthma/gip_rpt.pdf)

#### Message for Schools

Develop and implement an Indoor Air Quality Management Plan to reduce triggers at school. Provide asthma self-management education to help students with asthma reduce their exposure to allergens and irritants while at school.

## Design / Methods

Pre Intervention  
Assessment  
Evaluation Team

School nurse  
trained, then 3  
care / education  
sessions with each  
child

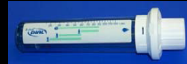
Post  
Intervention  
Assessment  
Evaluation Team

Children with asthma and  
families consented to enroll  
**N = 176; Mean age 9.4 yrs**  
**~50% Medicaid**



## Design / Methods

- Teaming Up for Asthma Control©
  - 54 Missouri school nurses
    - Standardized modules
      - 2.5 hours on-line training
      - Pre/post test
    - Assessment equipment
      - Forced expiratory volume in 1 second, FEV1 (ASMA-1®)
      - Inhalation technique (In Check Dial®)
    - Asthma literacy curriculum
      - Standardized, multimedia for school and home use
      - IMPACT Asthma Kids©, EPR3





[http://esgn.tv/clients/aae/equipment\\_demo/](http://esgn.tv/clients/aae/equipment_demo/)

## Video 5

Teaming Up for Asthma Control  
on-line training for school nurses

## Design / Methods

- Students enrolled by school nurses (n = 176)
  - Checklist to identify children with persistent asthma
  - Three encounters at school
    - Forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1)
    - Impairment -*Children's Health Survey for Asthma – Child Version*, American Academy of Pediatrics (CHSA-C)
    - Psychosocial wellbeing (CHSA-C)
    - Adequacy of ICS inhaler technique (IFR & IFT)
    - Identification of medication / inhaler (access & use)
    - ETS and other environmental factors (CARAT)
  - Self-care education by IMPACT Asthma Kids ©

## TUAC Intervention – Self-Management Education

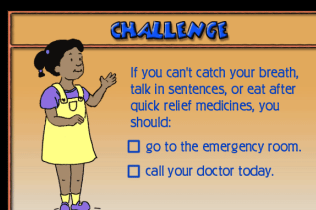
At school students watch a 15 minute CD/DVD based on IMPACT Asthma Kids



Identification of ICS inhaler medication by color chart, VHC use, target time, trigger avoidance

## IMPACT Asthma Kids©

“Control Medications” & “Chris’ World”



Krishna S, Francisco BD, Balas EA *et al. Pediatrics* 2003; 111(3): 503-510.

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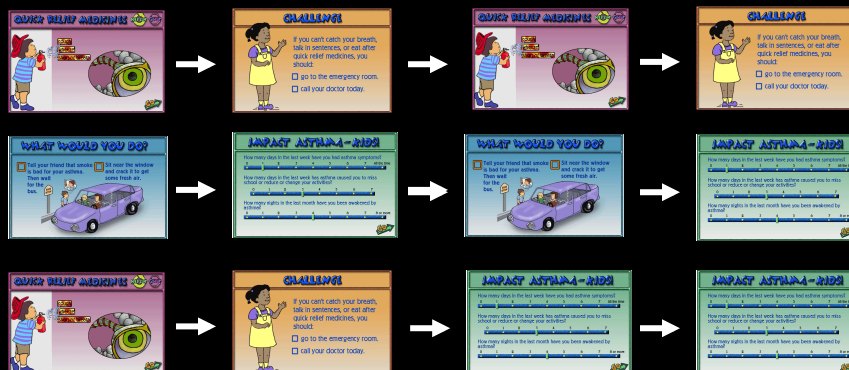
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## Video 4

Teaming Up for Asthma Control  
Self-care Module for Students



## 44 Lessons & a Triggers Game



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PEDIATRICS Vol. 111 No. 3 March 2003, pp. 503-510

### Internet-Enabled Interactive Multimedia Asthma Education Program: A Randomized Trial

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### RCCT Design

- 228 children, 6-18
- A parent present
- Specialty care for all
- Caring for Kids info
- 3 visits, one year
- Knowledge gain
- Self report, Sx, Rx, days missed, ER, impairment

<http://www.pediatrics.org/cgi/content/abstract/111/3/503>

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## IMPACT RCCT Results

- Significant between group differences
  - Greater knowledge gain, children and caregivers
  - Greater decrease days of asthma symptoms
  - Greater reduction in ER visits (savings of \$907 vs \$291)
  - Markedly lower ICS dose (434 vs 754 mcg beclo equiv.)

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## Data Collection by Scantron Form

**Teaming Up for Asthma Control**  
Student Form

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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Student First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student MOSIS ID	Date of Birth	Height (inches)	Gender:	Race/Ethnicity:	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Month Day Year	4 0	<input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="radio"/> Asian	School Nurse EVAL
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# ACT Requires Parent Input for <12

## FUNCTIONAL IMPAIRMENT ASSESSMENT

*To be completed at the beginning of VISIT ONE.*

In the past two weeks, did asthma keep you from doing these things . . . ?

	Not at all	A little bit	Some	A lot	Totally
Playing at friends', neighbors', or relatives' houses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Running fast or playing hard (things that use a lot of energy or action)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shooting hoops, bike riding, walking up stairs, jumping rope, dancing, or playing an instrument (things that use <i>less</i> energy or action)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking (things that use a little energy or action)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sleeping all night (not awakened by coughing or difficulty breathing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How often do people SMOKE around you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

With permission American Academy of Pediatrics, Children's Health Survey for Asthma – Child Version  
<http://www.aap.org/en-us/professional-resources/Research/pediatrician-surveys/Pages/Childrens-Health-Survey-for-Asthma-Child-Version-CHSA-C.aspx>

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## ICS Access, Type, Use, FEV1, IFR/IFT

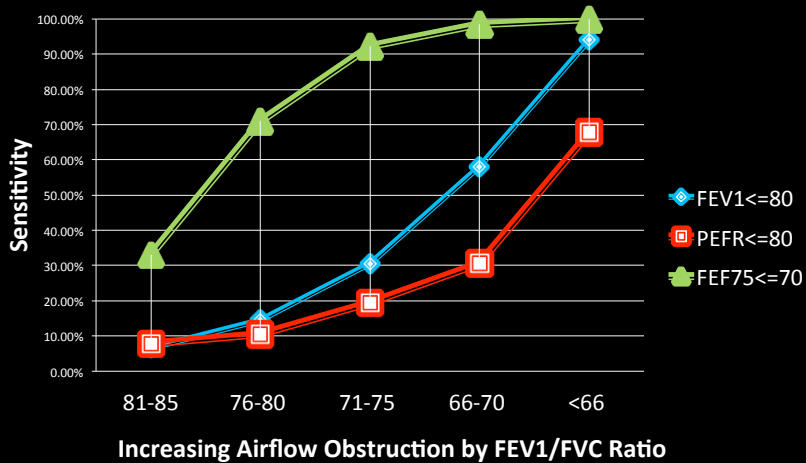
VISIT ONE (Week 1)										
<b>Date of Visit 1</b> Month: <input type="text"/> Day: <input type="text"/> Year: <input type="text"/>			NOTE: Please use "Respiratory Inhaler" poster and "Poster Update" to assist student with identifying ICS medication.		NOTE: Please use POCKET GUIDE for step by step instructions for both Asma-1 and In-Check Dial.					
Does student take ICS medication? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No			<b>Weekly ICS Doses*</b> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		<b>Device</b> <input type="radio"/> ICS by MDI <input type="radio"/> ICS by DPI If no ICS by MDI or DPI, then: <input type="radio"/> Quick Relief/MDI <input type="radio"/> Student knows TARGET TIME? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		<b>Asma-1</b> Best FEV1: <input type="text"/> Target Time (seconds): <input type="text"/>		<b>In-Check Dial</b> Before Coaching: IFR <input type="text"/> IFT <input type="text"/> After Coaching: IFR <input type="text"/> IFT <input type="text"/>	
If YES, name of ICS: <input type="text"/> Flovent <input type="text"/> QVar <input type="text"/> Alvesco <input type="text"/> Pulmicort <input type="text"/> Asmanex <input type="text"/> Advair <input type="text"/> Symbicort <input type="text"/> Dulera			*For Example: Taking Flovent 110, 2 puffs twice a day for one week equals 14 doses (A.M. dose + P.M. dose x 7 days = 14 doses)		(Grid for Asma-1 and In-Check Dial)		(Grid for Asma-1 and In-Check Dial)		(Grid for Asma-1 and In-Check Dial)	

# Respiratory Inhaler Chart

**Allergy & Asthma Network**  
Mothers of Asthmatics  
**Respiratory Inhalers**  
www.aanma.org  
800.878.6463

Drug Name	Formulation	Device	Indications	Contraindications	Precautions	Side Effects	Notes
<b>Short-acting bronchodilators</b>							
Albuterol (Xopenex)	2.5 mg/100 mcg	Metered dose inhaler	Relief of bronchospasm	None	None	None	None
Levalbuterol (Xopenex)	0.5 mg/100 mcg	Metered dose inhaler	Relief of bronchospasm	None	None	None	None
<b>Long-acting bronchodilators</b>							
Salmeterol (Serevent)	50 mcg/100 mcg	Metered dose inhaler	Maintenance therapy	None	None	None	None
Formoterol (Foracort)	12 mcg/100 mcg	Metered dose inhaler	Maintenance therapy	None	None	None	None
<b>Anticholinergics</b>							
Tiotropium (Spiriva)	5 mg capsules	Oral capsule	Maintenance therapy	None	None	None	None
<b>Inhaled corticosteroids</b>							
Beclomethasone (QVAR)	20 mcg/100 mcg	Metered dose inhaler	Maintenance therapy	None	None	None	None
Budesonide (Pulmicort)	0.5 mg/100 mcg	Metered dose inhaler	Maintenance therapy	None	None	None	None
<b>Combination medications</b>							
Salmeterol/Beclomethasone (Serevent Diskus)	50 mcg/20 mcg	Dry powder inhaler	Maintenance therapy	None	None	None	None
Formoterol/Budesonide (Foracort)	12 mcg/0.5 mg	Metered dose inhaler	Maintenance therapy	None	None	None	None

## Sensitivity of FEF75, FEV1, PEF with Increasing Airflow Obstruction by Ratio



Francisco, B., et al. (2014). "Sensitivity of different spirometric tests for detecting airflow obstruction in childhood asthma." *J Asthma*: 1-7.

## EPR3 Specifies IFR and IFT

- IFR= inspiratory flow rate
- IFT= inspiratory flow time
- MDI – 30 LPM or 3-5 seconds (p. 250)
- DPI – 60 LPM or 1-2 seconds (p. 249)

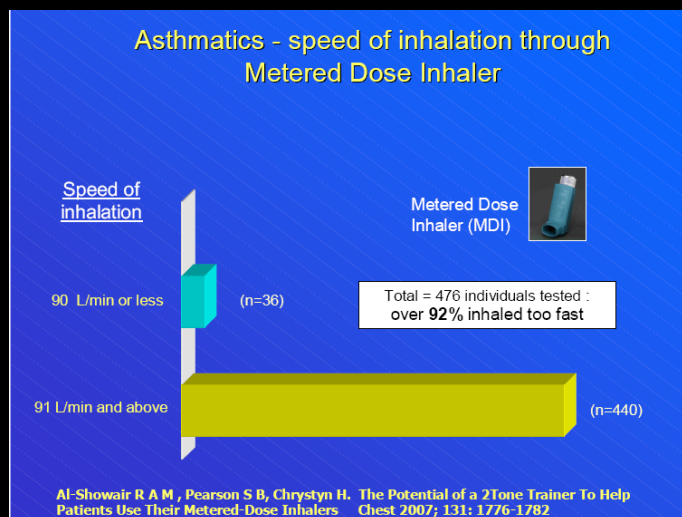
**How do you measure IFR & IFT?**

## Improve Inhalation Technique

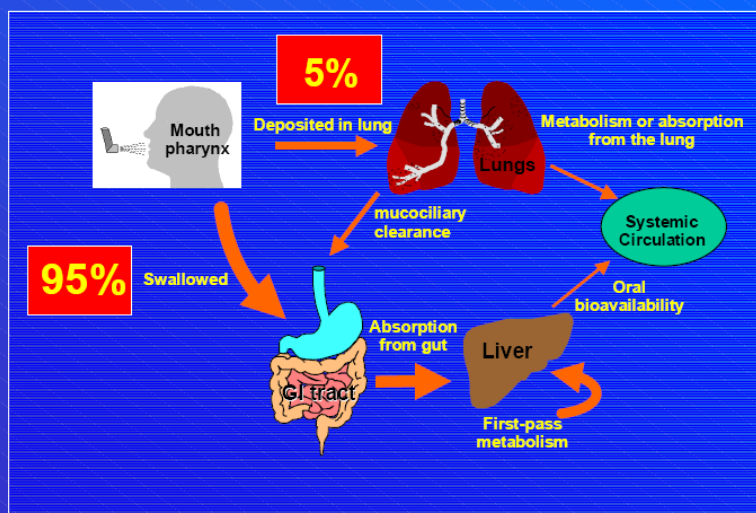
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  - use objective measures
  - document inspiratory time and flow
  - coach to EPR3 benchmarks
  - use assistive devices - VHC
  - reinforce across settings



## Do people with asthma know how to effectively inhale medications?



## Fate of inhaled drugs – **Poor** Technique



## In-Check Dial™ Device

- Only device currently marketed in the US
- Set resistance for common inhaler types
- Use disposable, one-way mouth piece, surface wipe
- Train for optimal IFR and IFT
- Coach to a “target” IFT
- Formula for **MDI** IFT=  

$$2 \text{ seconds/L} \times (\text{FEV1 in L}) = \text{target inhalation time}$$
 (Example: 2 seconds/L X 3.5 L = 7 seconds)



## Community Healthcare for Asthma Management and Prevention of Symptoms (CHAMPS), Highly Tailored NIH Asthma Interventions



NCICAS: The National Cooperative Inner-City Asthma Study  
Asthma Counselor Intervention



ICAS: Inner-City Asthma Study  
Environmental Intervention



HEAL: Head-off Environmental Asthma in New Orleans  
Combined asthma counselor (NCICAS) and environmental (ICAS) intervention in post disaster New Orleans

## Educator Assessment (ACE©) Using CARAT Environment Questions

29. Does your child's **pillow** have a special cover for allergies? Yes ☐ No ☐

30. Does your child's **mattress** have a special cover for allergies? Yes ☐ No ☐

31. Do you use a humidifier/ vaporizer in your child's bedroom? Yes ☐ No ☐

32. Do you have carpeting (or rugs) in your child's bedroom? Yes ☐ No ☐

33. Do you have carpeting (or rugs) in your TV/family room? Yes ☐ No ☐

34. Does your kitchen have a gas stove? Yes ☐ No ☐

35. Do you sometimes use the gas stove to help heat your house? Yes ☐ No ☐

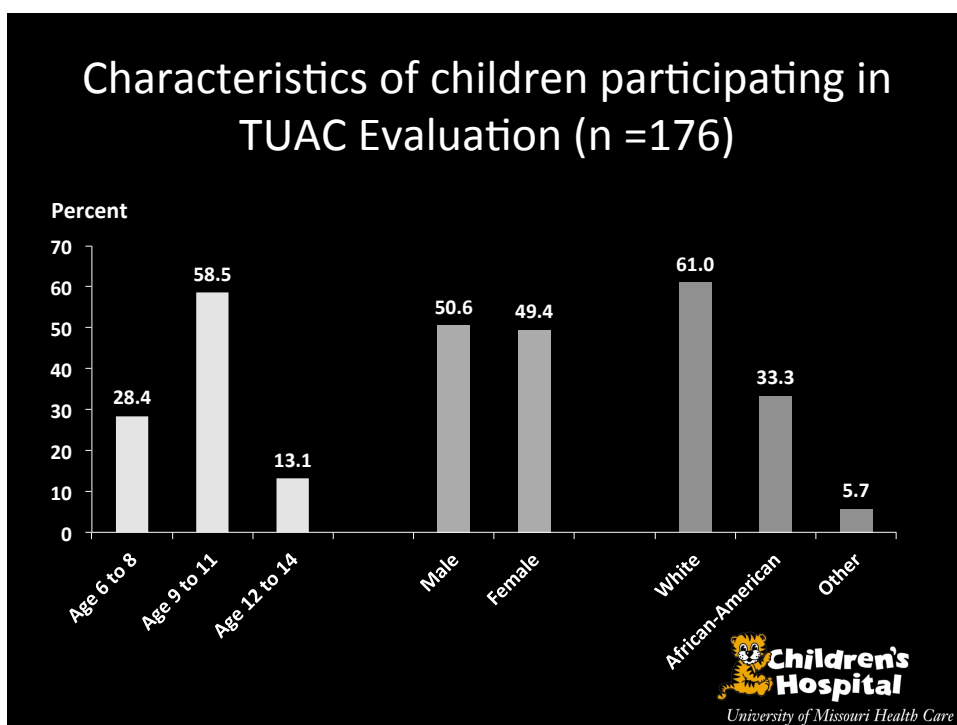
36. Is there any moisture or mildew anywhere in the house on the...

	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
Ceiling?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walls?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Windows?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. Have you had any problems with...

	Yes <input type="radio"/>	No <input type="radio"/>
Cockroaches?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mice?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rats?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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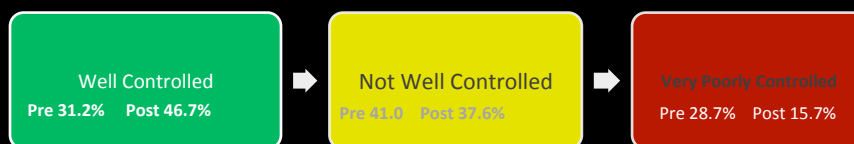


## Were SNs Able to Identify Students with Uncontrolled Asthma Likely to Benefit from the Intervention?

- Answer: Yes, the total number of students with “not well” or “very poorly controlled” asthma at first assessment 124 69.7% (76% at some point in time)
  - Based on 4 indicators
    - Difficulty with moderate physical activity
    - Difficulty walking
    - Sleep disruption
    - Lung function

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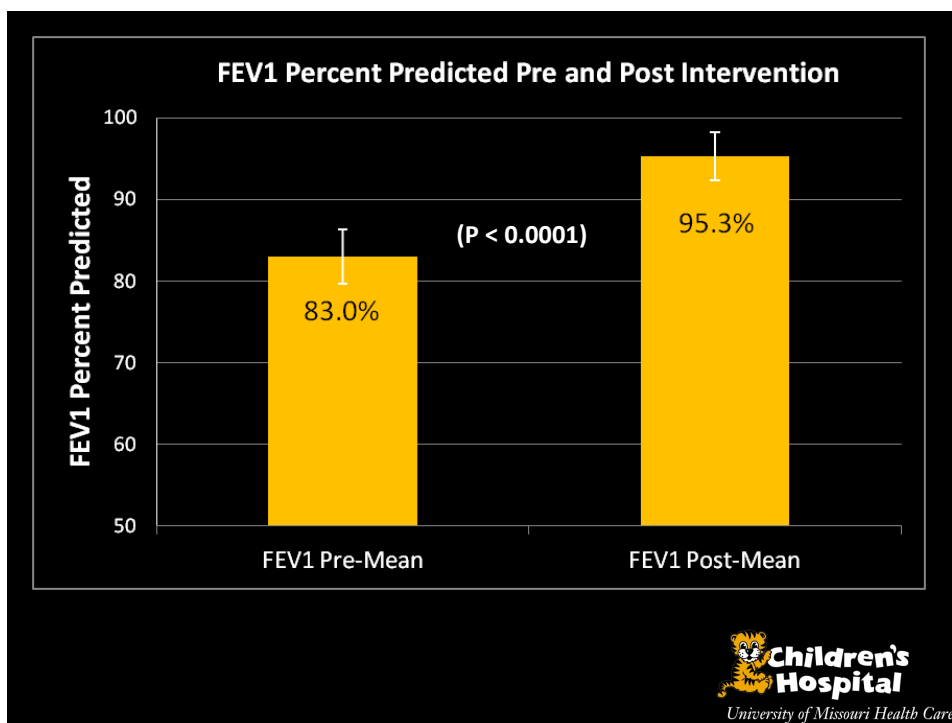
## Asthma Control Status



**Not well or Poorly Controlled**

Pre = 124 (69.7%)  
 Post = 95 (53.4%)  
 Anytime= (76.2%)

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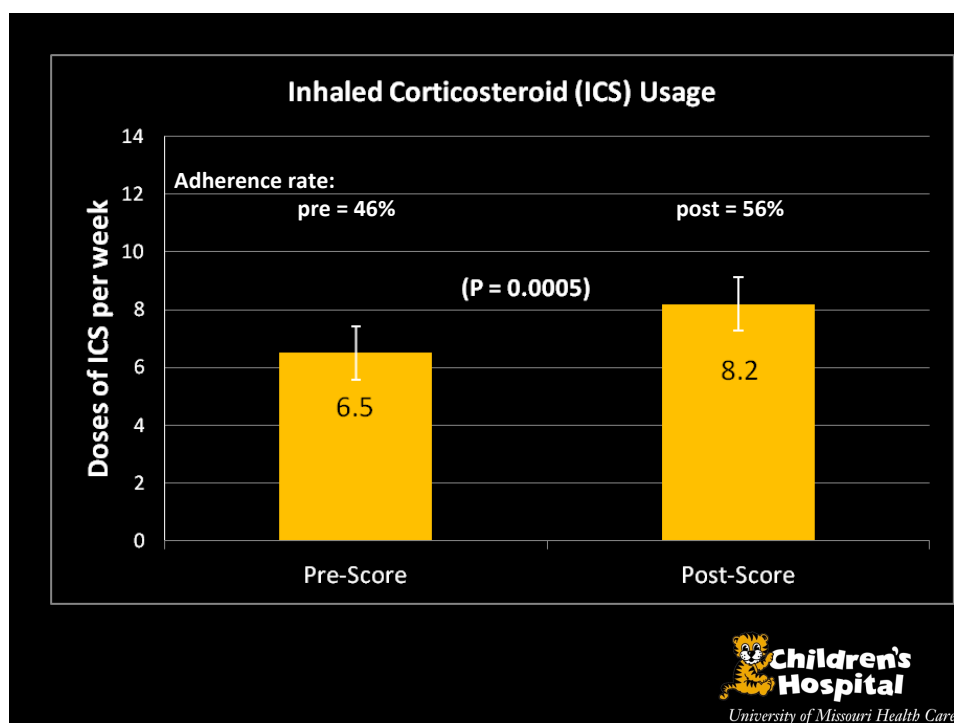
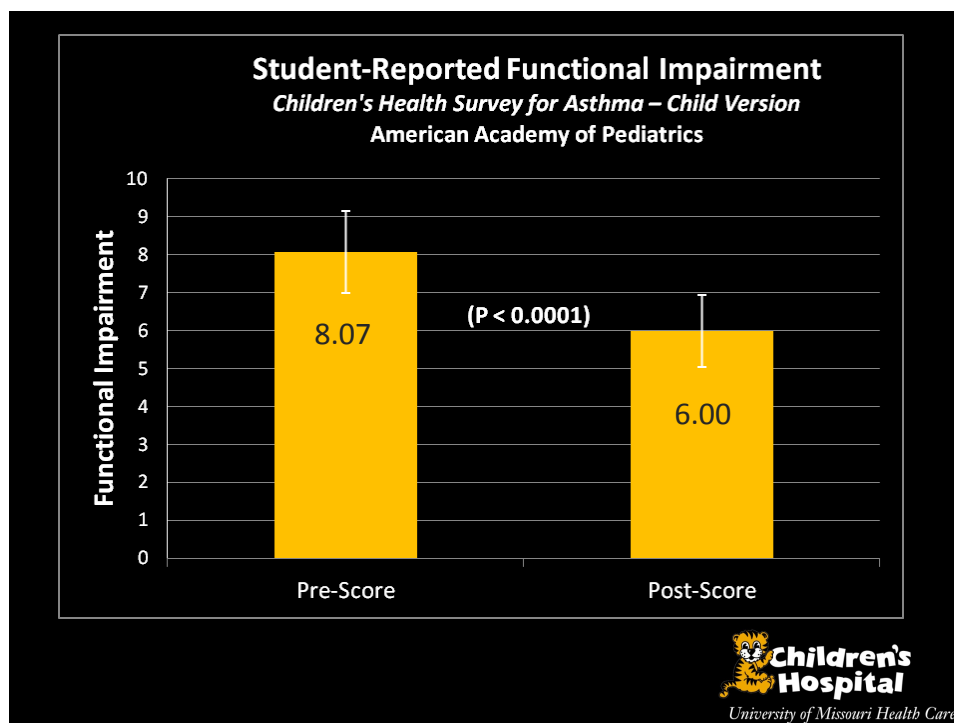


## Student FEV1 – Rural vs Urban

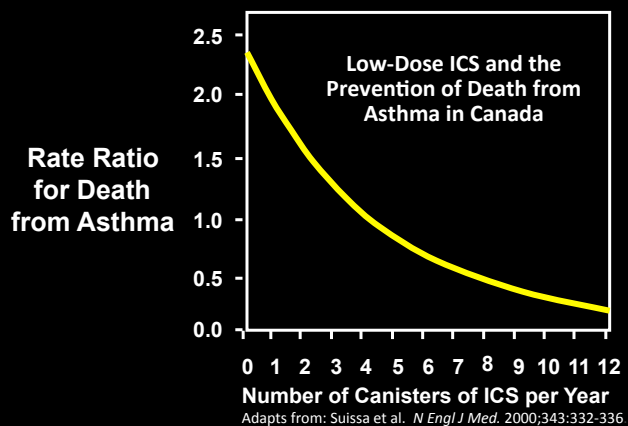
Rural versus Urban cohort:

- Were there rural / urban differences?
- Yes, rural school nurses selected students who had significantly greater lung function impairment
  - 71.7% rural (n=22) v 84.6% urban (n=156)
- Rural students had a significant increase in FEV1% predicted pre v post ( $p = 0.0226$ ) 71.7% to 82.7%

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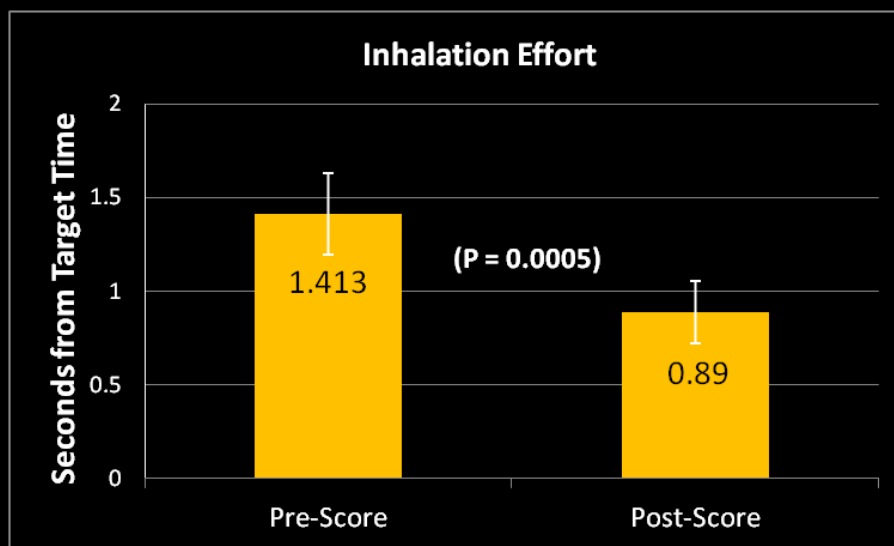


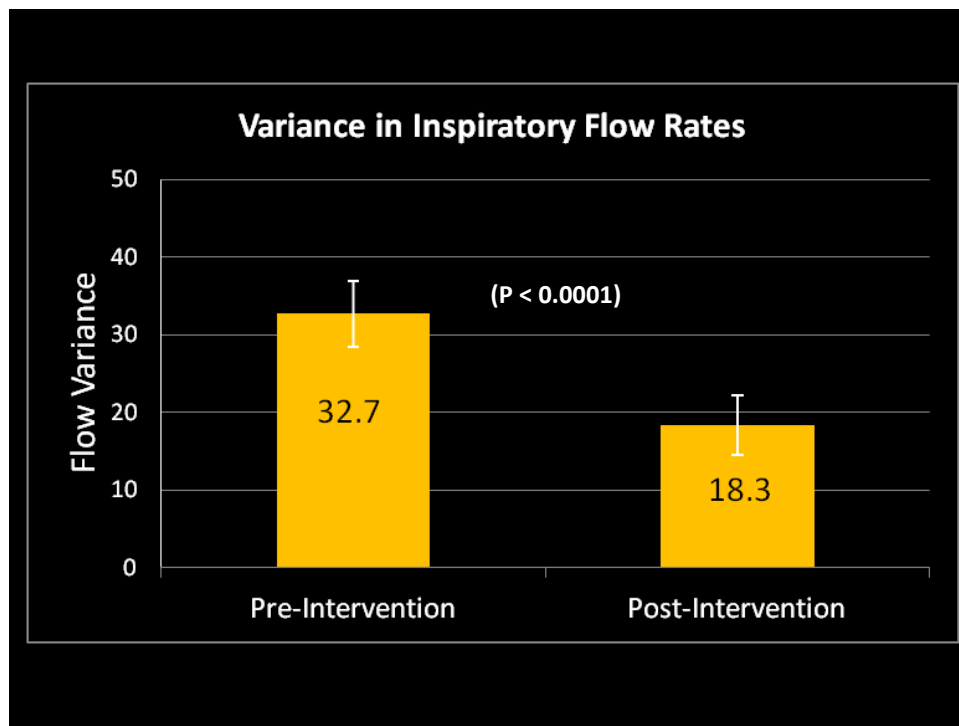
## ICS Use and Risk of Death



AAE 2012

## Inhalation Effort





## Student Psychosocial Wellbeing

- CHSA-C:  
Child's feelings and beliefs:
  - Frustration
  - Isolation
  - Sadness
  - Anger
  - Embarrassment

Attitude / Belief Score  
significantly improved.  
( $p < .0001$ )



## Results

- Additional findings:
  - Student–reported smoke exposure scores decreased ( $p < 0.0001$ ).
  - Participants liked the program:
    - 93% of parents would recommend to other families who have children with asthma.
    - 87% of participating nurses would recommend to other school nurses.



<https://www.youtube.com/user/AligningForces>

## Video 3

Kansas City School Nurse – Lizzie Cockrell  
TED Talk, Washington, DC, 2014  
RWJ Aligning Forces for Quality

## Results - Cost Analysis

Year	tot_pop_18yr	tot_medicaid cost	Average cost per kid
2009	54562	\$ 140,363,798.41	\$2,572.49
2010	58429	\$ 170,879,902.17	\$2,924.58
2011	57147	\$ 174,162,423.75	\$3,047.58
2012	58581	\$ 186,100,902.97	\$3,176.80
2013	52144	\$ 185,800,402.22	\$3,563.21
2014	52667	\$ 215,840,979.73	\$4,098.20

Table : Average Annual Medicaid Costs Children with asthma (less than 19 years old )



## Results

- Cost Analysis
  - Mean MC costs rose by 11% annually between 2009 and 2014
  - Average increase of \$350.20/year
  - Sustaining TUAC cost ~\$150 per student
    - Delivery by school nurse, RRT, AE-C, other



## Results

- Cost Analysis
  - 10,876 matched controls for children on continuous Medicaid (n=62)
    - Match criteria: age, gender, race, cost-strata
  - Assessed total MC cost 1 year prior vs. 1 year post intervention
  - Results – TUAC students MC cost fell \$1348.48, while controls cost rose \$82.69 with a net saving of \$1431.17
  - ROI > \$8 per \$1 spent, potential saving \$15 M



## Conclusions

- School nurse asthma training
  - 1) Effective
    - Improving inhalation technique
    - Increasing ICS use
    - Improving airflow (FEV1)
    - Reducing impairment
    - Improving student psychosocial wellbeing
  - 2) Cost efficient intervention





Issue Brief:  
Teaming Up for Asthma Control  
An Outlook/Analysis by  
Urban and Rural School Zip Codes

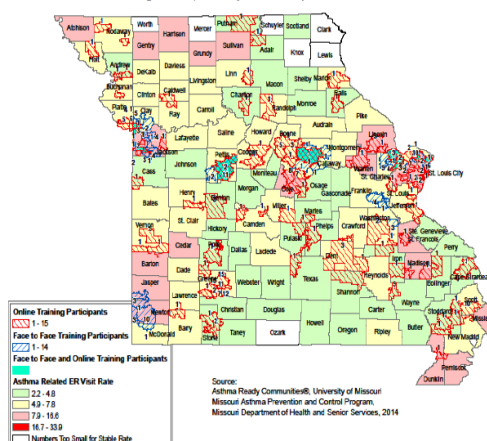
Missouri Asthma Prevention and Control Program

269  
on-line trainings

232  
Face-to-Face  
completed

## Deployment

Asthma ER Visit Rates for children age 14 and younger by County and the Number of Training Participants by School Zip Codes, 2011 - 2014



## Next Steps

- Opportunity for coordination of care between schools and clinics
- Developing an asthma control application
  - *Asthma Control Monitor / My Asthma Control*
  - HTML secure → HIPPA compliant server
    - In environment with claims data (Medicaid)
    - Provides reports to clinic providers
- Implications for other chronic illnesses in childhood
- Roll-out across the state of MO, now working with 4 other states (NM, KS, IL, TN)



- 1) CMS overturns “Free care rule”
- 2) CMS enacts 42 CFR & 440.130

**Medicaid & Community-Based Asthma  
Interventions: Recent Changes & Future Steps**



Effective January 1, 2014 – CMS expanded the types of providers who can provide preventive services to Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries. State MC programs may implement reimbursement plans to support delivery of these new services.

**“Treating, managing and reducing the burden of asthma requires coordinated interventions that integrate community-based approaches into patient care and take the management of asthma beyond the doctor’s office. While patients receive initial instruction in clinical settings, evidence-based guidelines call for repeated education in homes and community settings to reinforce treatment recommendations**

## Array of Clinical & Preventive Services\*

Service Type	Eligible Group	Service Cost
1) Asthma Literacy	Uncontrolled asthma	Low, \$9441*
2) Key Messages	Everyone w/asthma	Bundled w/OP visit
3) Inhalation instruction	Everyone w/asthma	Low, 94664
4) PMC, risk reduction	Uncontrolled asthma	Medium, 99402,1
5) Medication Therapy Management	Claims alerts at point of dispensing Rx	Medium, 99605,6,7
6) Self-management	Very poor control-VPC	Moderate, 98960,1,2*
7) Home Trigger Reduction	VPC, good ICS adherence/technique	Moderate, T1028*
8) Coach/counselor	VPC, failed 1-7	High, CPT-?????

Asthma Ready® Communities 2014

## Missouri Budget Bill 2011.528

- Representative Allen sponsored \$500 K appropriation for asthma preventive services
- Passed house and senate reconciliation
- Governor signed the budget 5/18/15
- MC is writing a state plan amendment
- MC is setting standards for PAS providers
- MU (ARC) will maintain records for active, eligible educators (national or state certificate)

**Asthma Ready Communities**

Asthma Ready® Communities (ARC) is an overarching endeavor to provide standardized, evidence-based educational programs for children with asthma, families and health professionals. These programs enhance the readiness of health care professionals and facilities to provide cost-efficient care that is compliant with the Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma: Expert Panel Report 3. For parents and caregivers, these programs provide comprehensive steps to improve asthma control in infants and children. For facilities, Asthma Ready® is a designation indicating that the facility has participated in asthma training, has the resources and is committed to delivering appropriate services, maintaining communication standards, and conducting quality improvement efforts to ensure best practices for the care of children with asthma. Asthma Ready® is a registered federal trademark owned by the University of Missouri.

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Questions?

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