



## 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

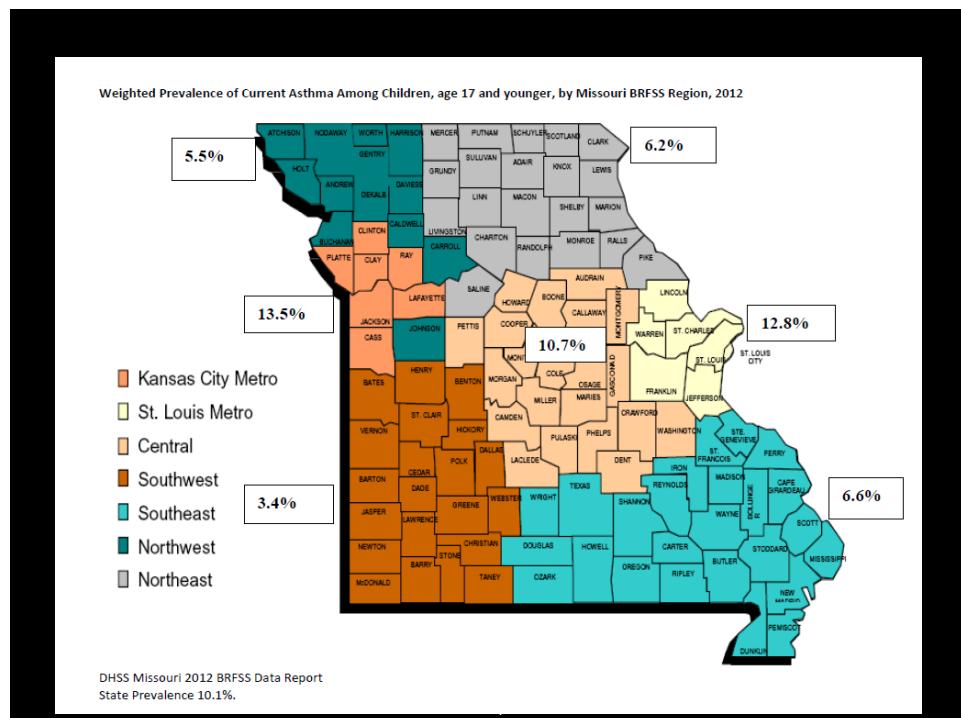
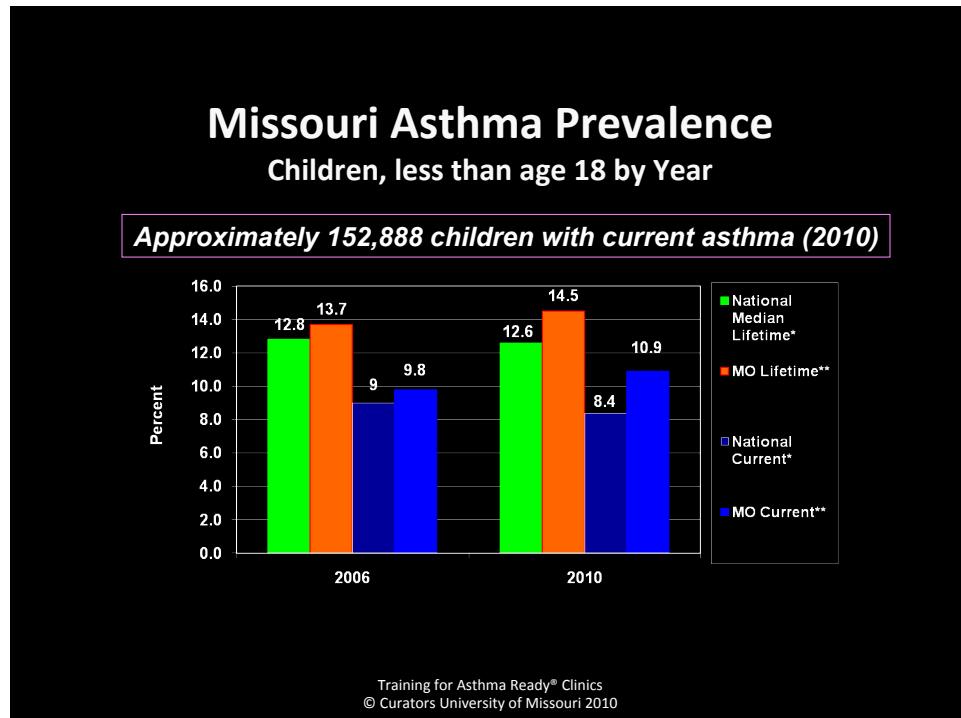
- 2003 survey by MO DHSS to determine the training/resource needs of MO school nurses
- 2005 web survey of the needs of practicing Missouri school nurses
- 2005 survey of school nurses assessing asthma disability among Missouri students

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



## 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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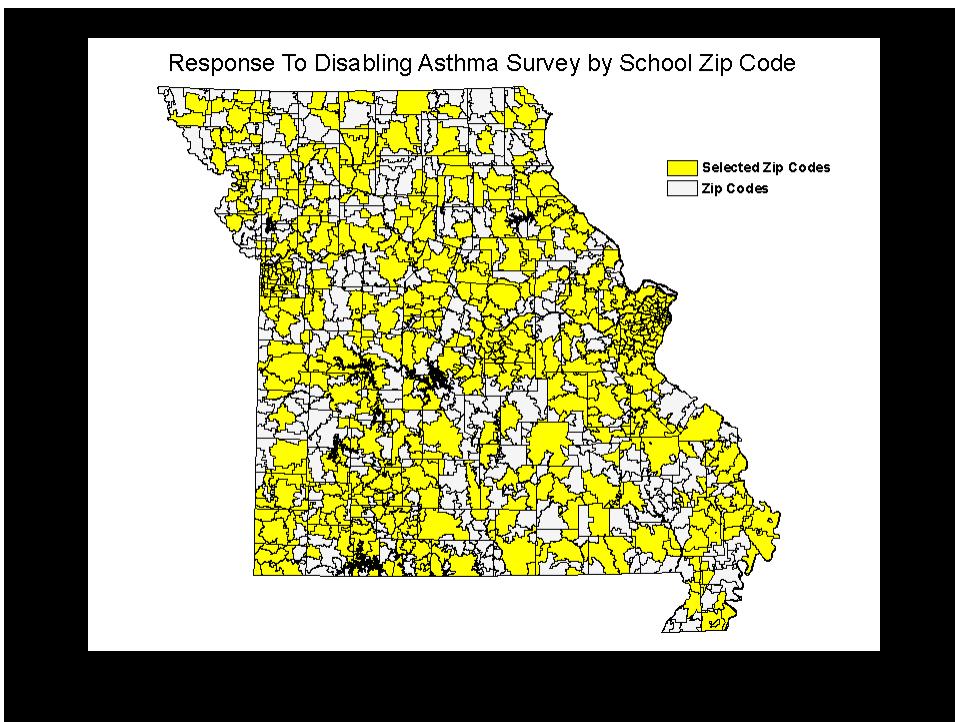
## Disabling Asthma Survey Criteria

### **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

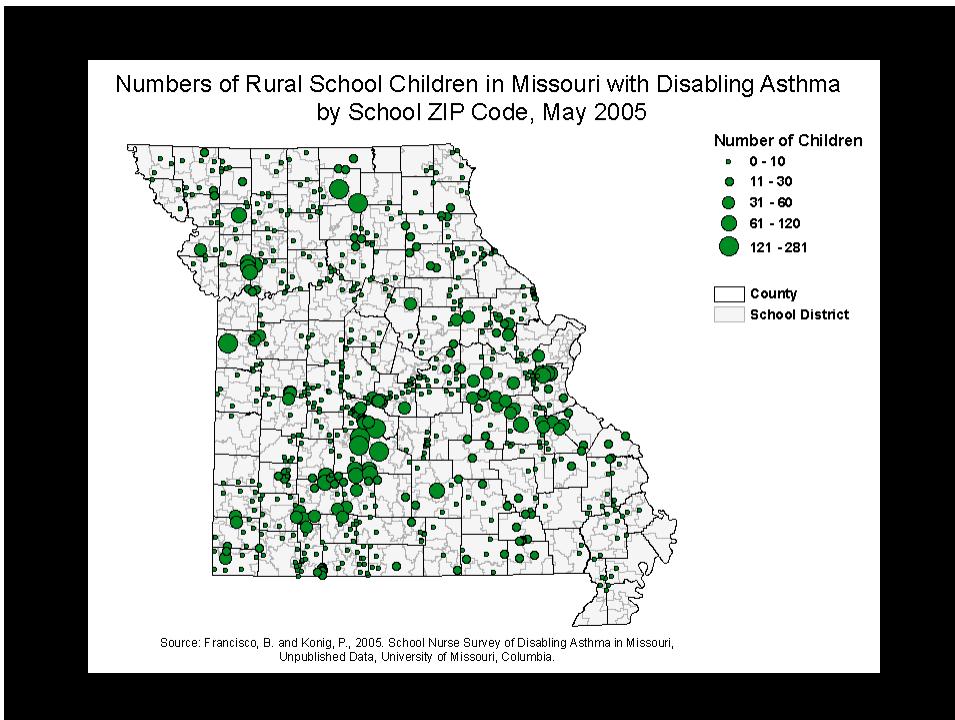
## Survey Distribution

- 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



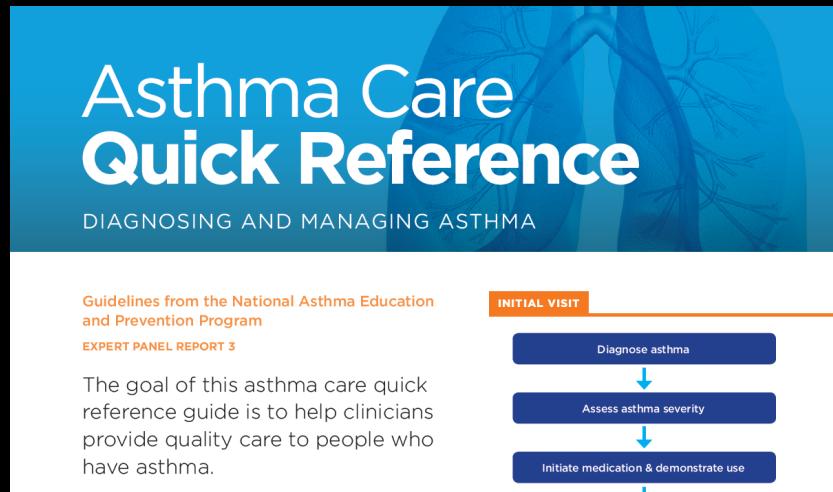
## Burden of Childhood Asthma

- 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)

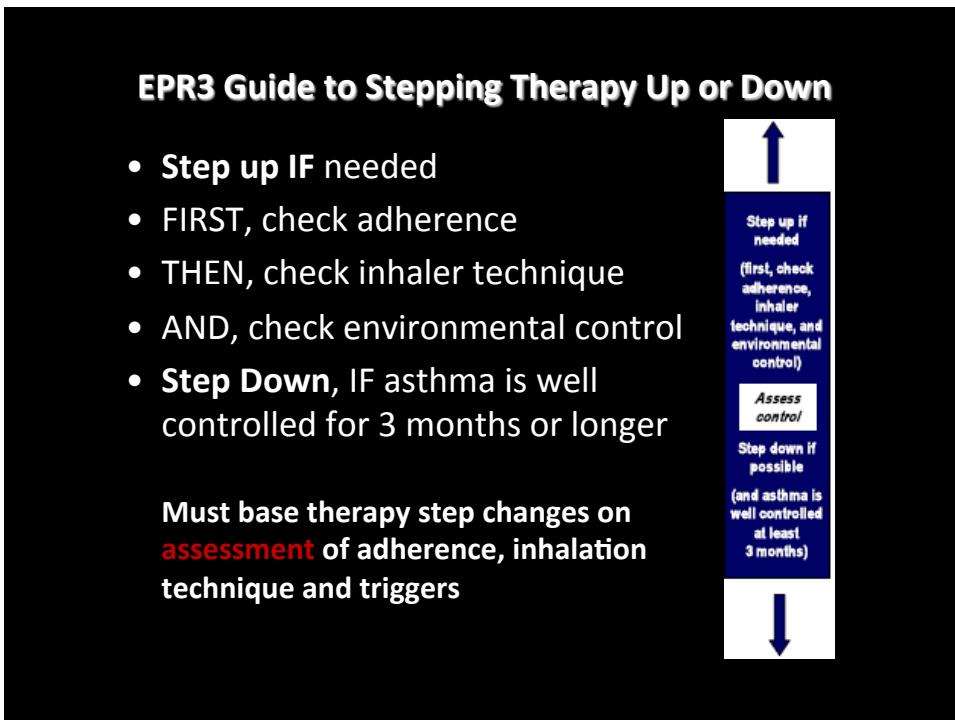
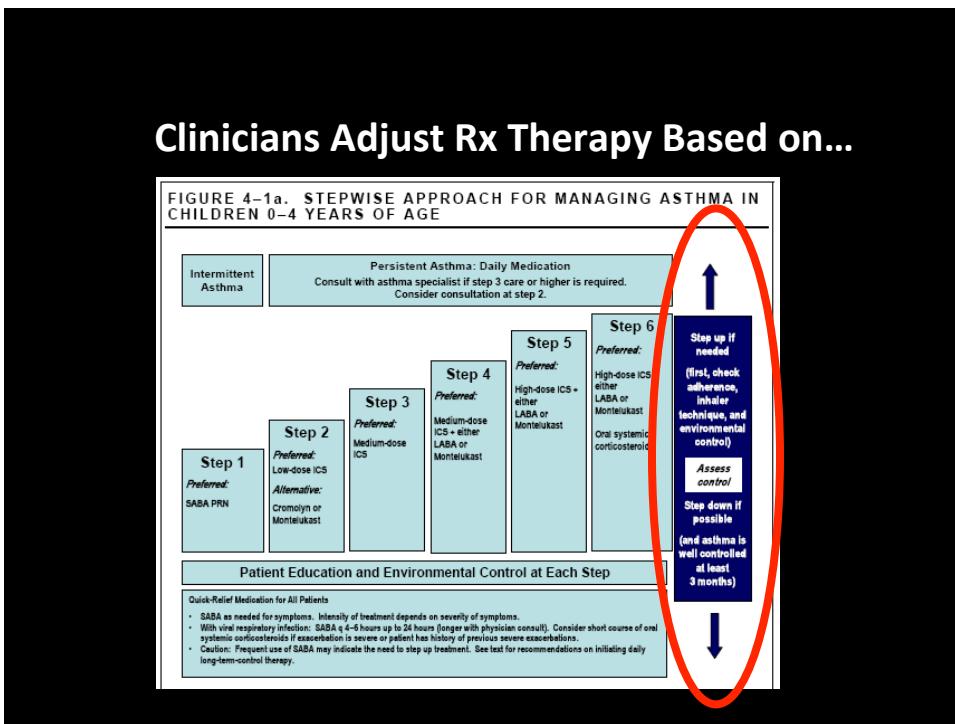
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**“A four component approach is effective for controlling asthma”, EPR3**

- 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 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-agonist use for symptom control (not prevention of EIB)	≤2 days/week	>2 days/week	Several times per day	
Risk	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%	
	Exacerbations requiring oral systemic corticosteroids	0–1/year	≥2/year (see note)		
	Reduction in lung growth	Evaluation requires long-term followup.			
Treatment-related adverse effects		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 <i>(See figure 4-1b for treatment steps.)</i>		<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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Step up at least 1 step and Reevaluate in 4–6 weeks.</li> <li>For side effects: consider alternative treatment options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider short course of oral systemic corticosteroids.</li> <li>Step up 1–2 steps, and 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

A red circle highlights the "Components of Control" and "Impairment" columns.

	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 ACQ ACT	0 ≤0.75* ≥20	1–2 ≥1.5 16–19	3–4 N/A ≤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



Keeping Airways Open



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

#### Inhaled Corticosteroids

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

#### Message for Schools

Parents of school children who have asthma should be aware and educate their children that ICs 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

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**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.

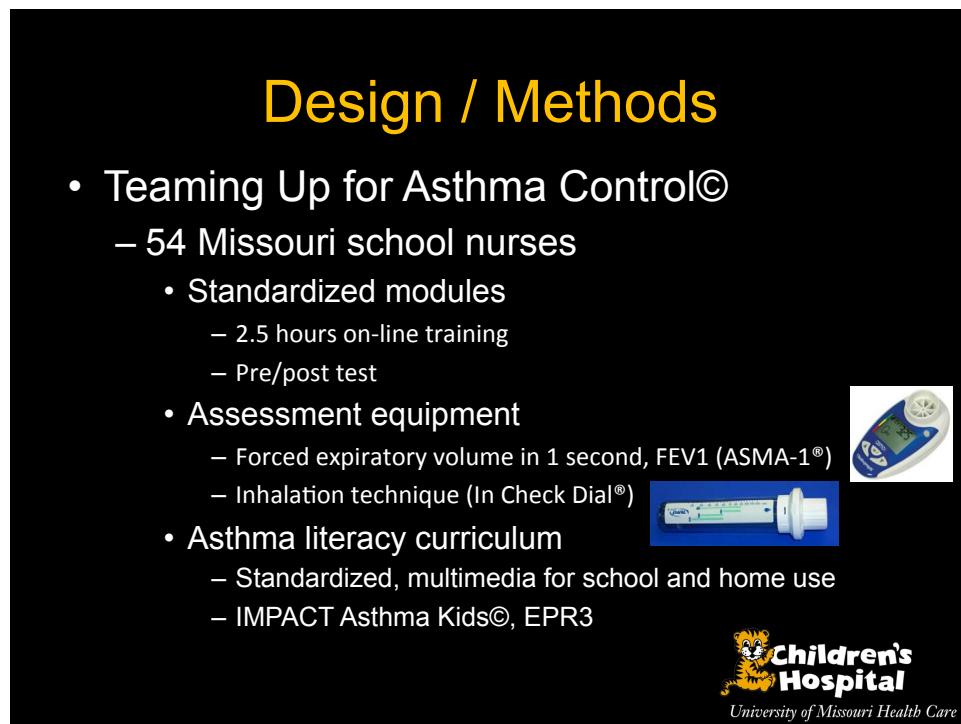
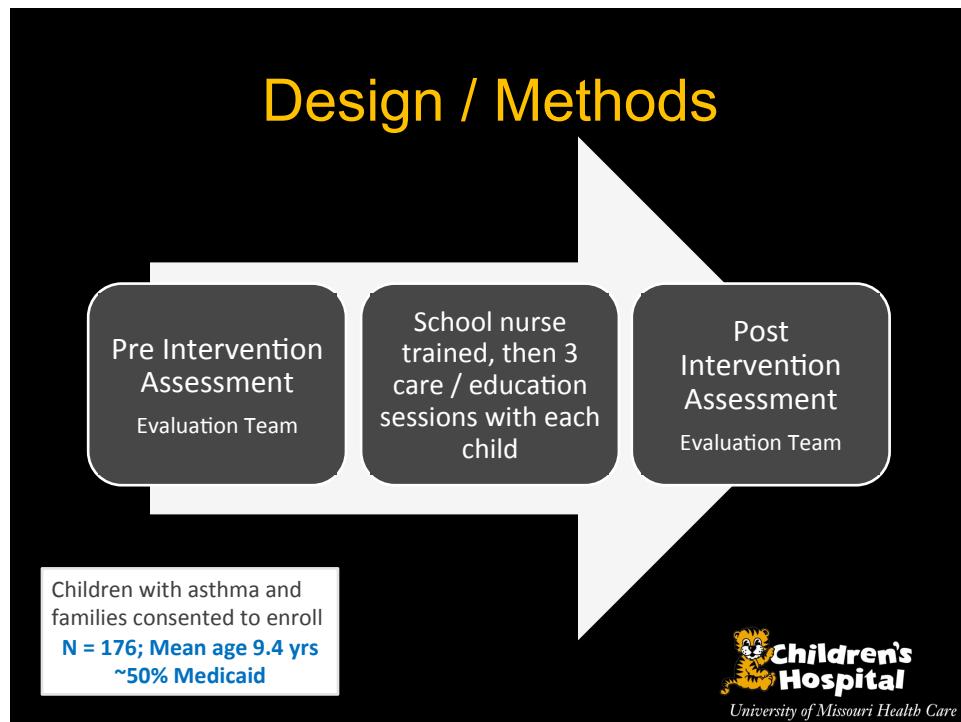
**Allergen and Irritant Exposure Control**



EPR-3 Recommendation: Review patients' exposure to allergens and irritants, particularly perennial allergens (dust mites, cockroach 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.  
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**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.



[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.

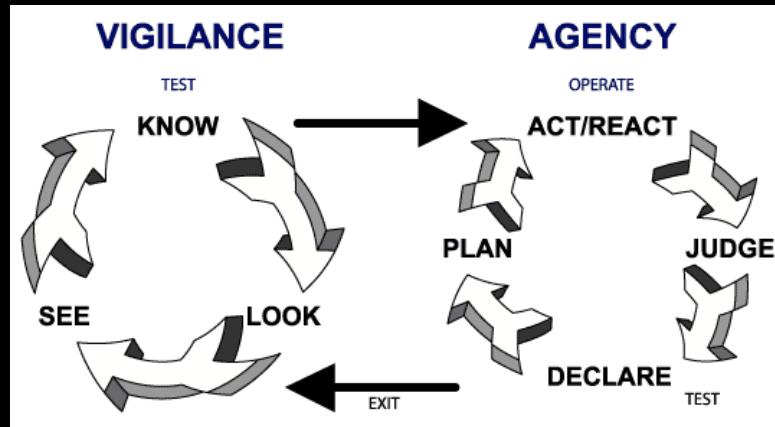
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## Video 4

Teaming Up for Asthma Control  
Self-care Module for Students

## Self Regulation Theory

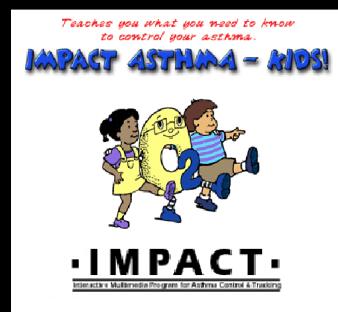


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## IMPACT Asthma Kids ©

- Interactive
- Multimedia
- Program for
- Asthma
- Control &
- Tracking



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## 44 Lessons & a Triggers Game

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### 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

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## 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 . . . ?

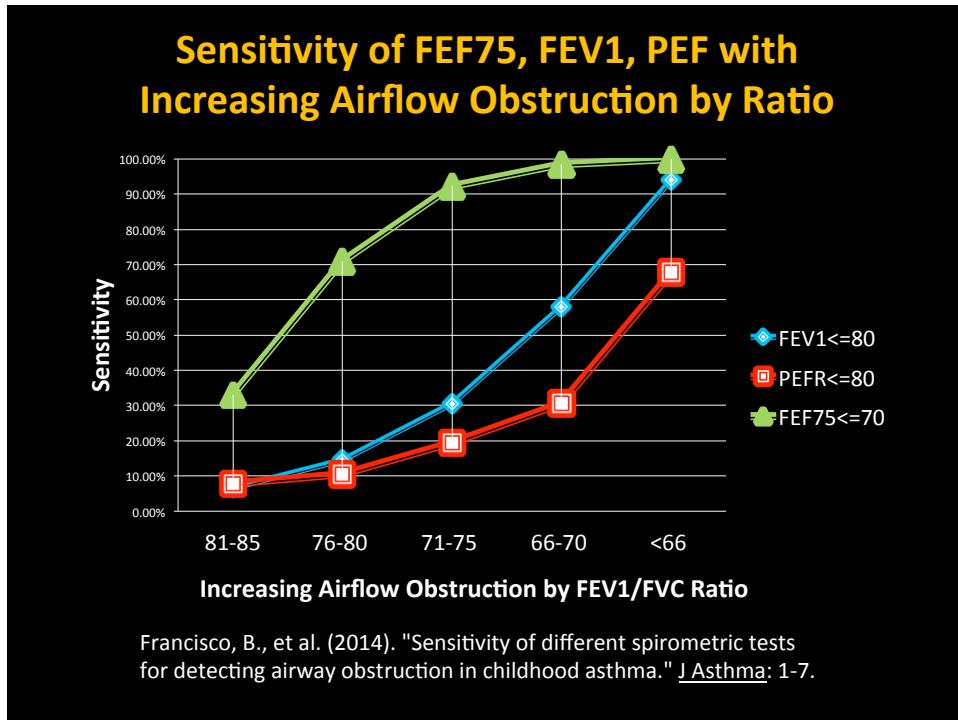
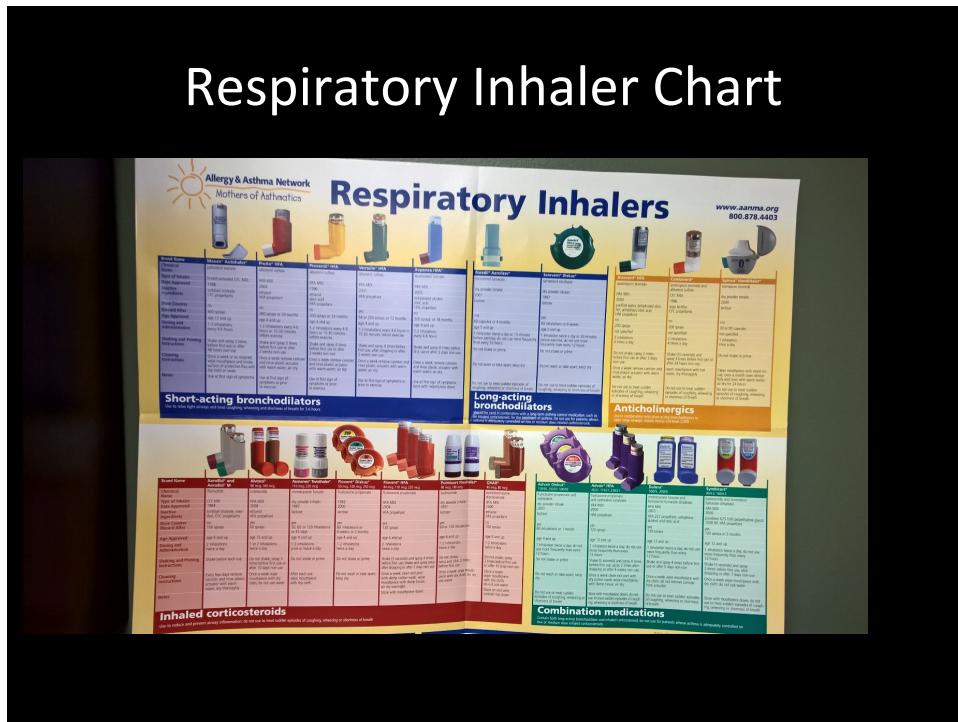
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Running fast or playing hard (things that use a lot of energy or action)	<input type="radio"/>				
Shooting hoops, bike riding, walking up stairs, jumping rope, dancing, or playing an instrument (things that use less energy or action)	<input type="radio"/>				
Walking (things that use a little energy or action)	<input type="radio"/>				
Sleeping all night (not awakened by coughing or difficulty breathing)	<input type="radio"/>				
How often do people SMOKE around you?	<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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<p>*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)</p>																																																										



## EPR3 Specifies IFR and IFT

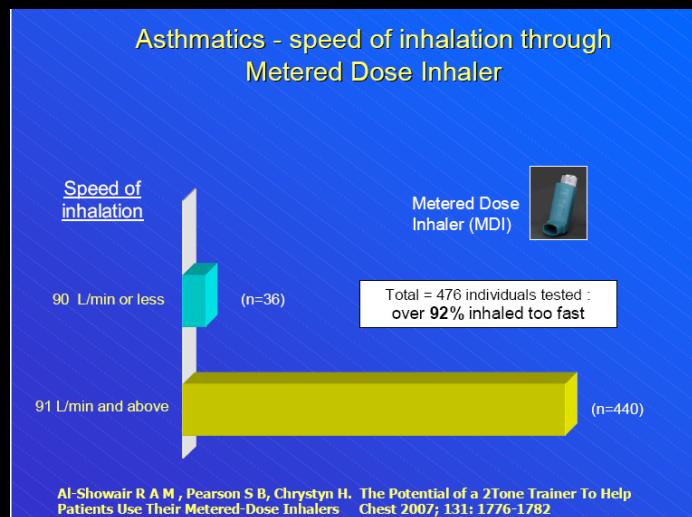
- IFR= inspiratory flow rate
- IFT= inspiratory flow time
- MDI – 30 LPM or 3-5 seconds (p. 250)
- DPI – 60 LPM or 1-2 seconds (p. 249)

### How do you measure IFR & IFT?

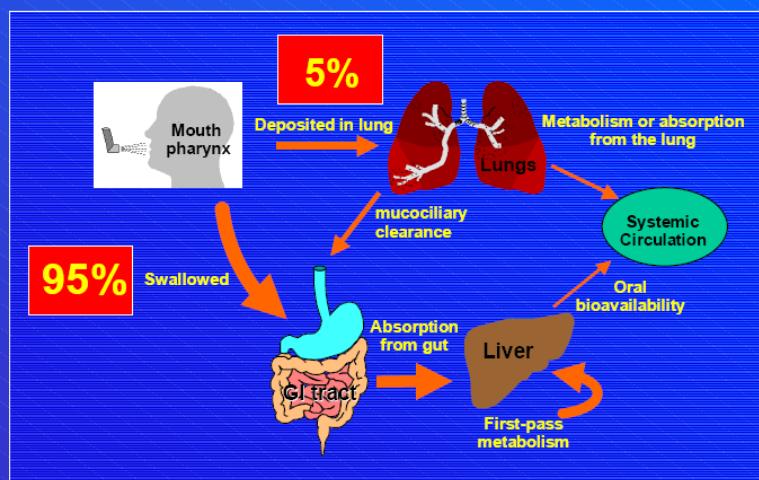
## Improve Inhalation Technique

- **94664**
  - 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



Head-off Environmental Asthma in Louisiana  
Addressing childhood asthma in post-Katrina 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  No

Ceiling?  Yes  No

Walls?  Yes  No

Windows?  Yes  No

37. Have you had any problems with...  Yes  No

Cockroaches?  Yes  No

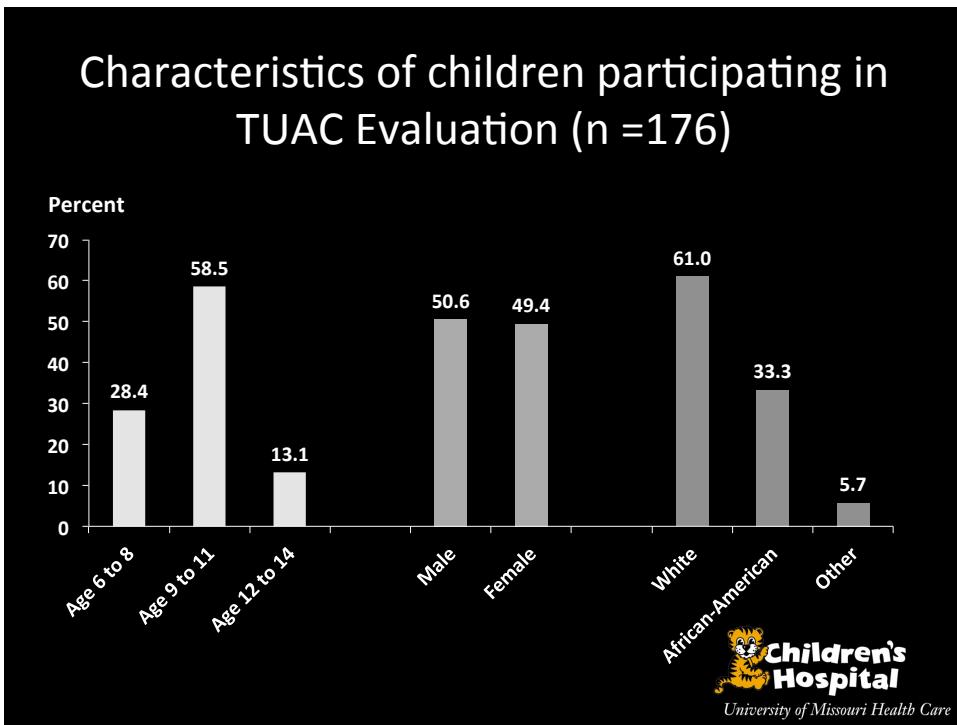
Mice?  Yes  No

Rats?  Yes  No





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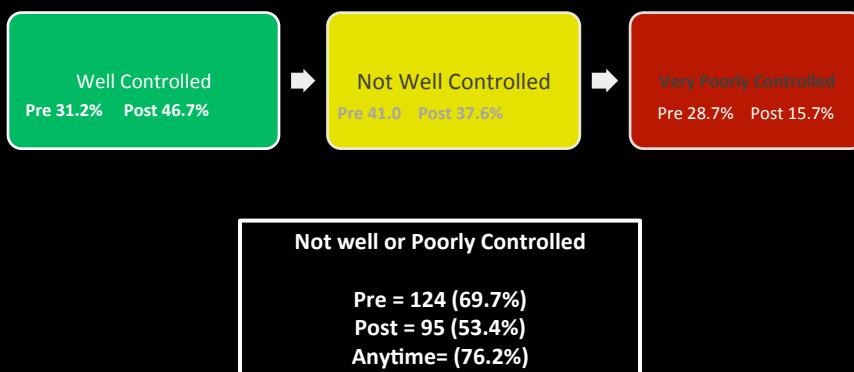


## Were SNs Able to Identify Students with Uncontrolled Asthma Likely to Benefit from the Intervention?

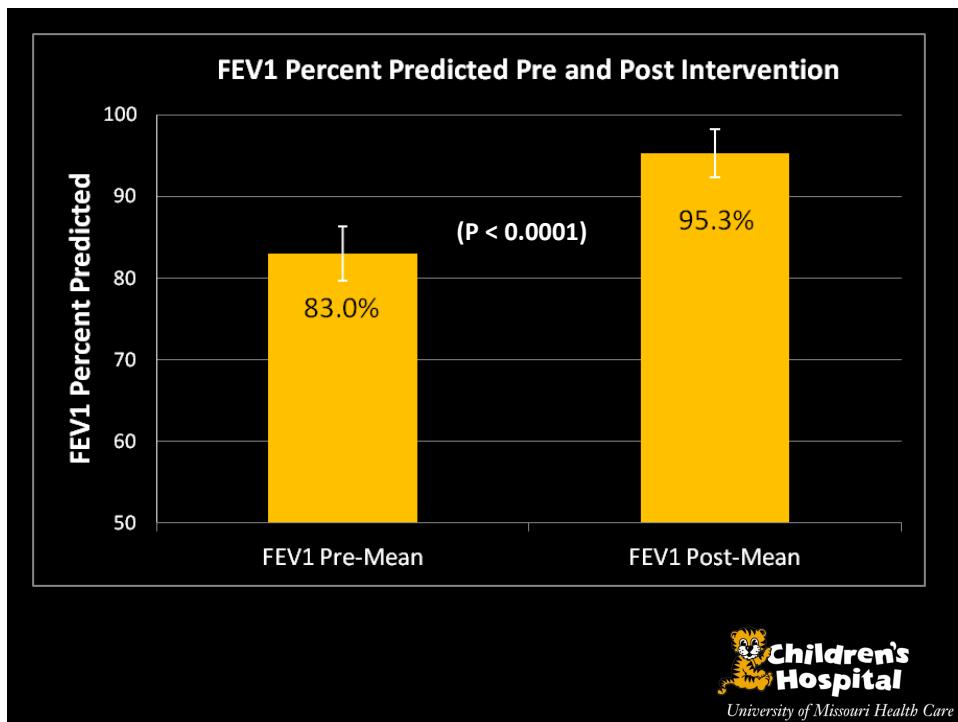
- Answer: Yes, the total number of students with “not well” or “very poorly controlled” asthma at first assessment 124 69.7% (76% at some point in time)
  - Based on 4 indicators
    - Difficulty with moderate physical activity
    - Difficulty walking
    - Sleep disruption
    - Lung function

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## Asthma Control Status



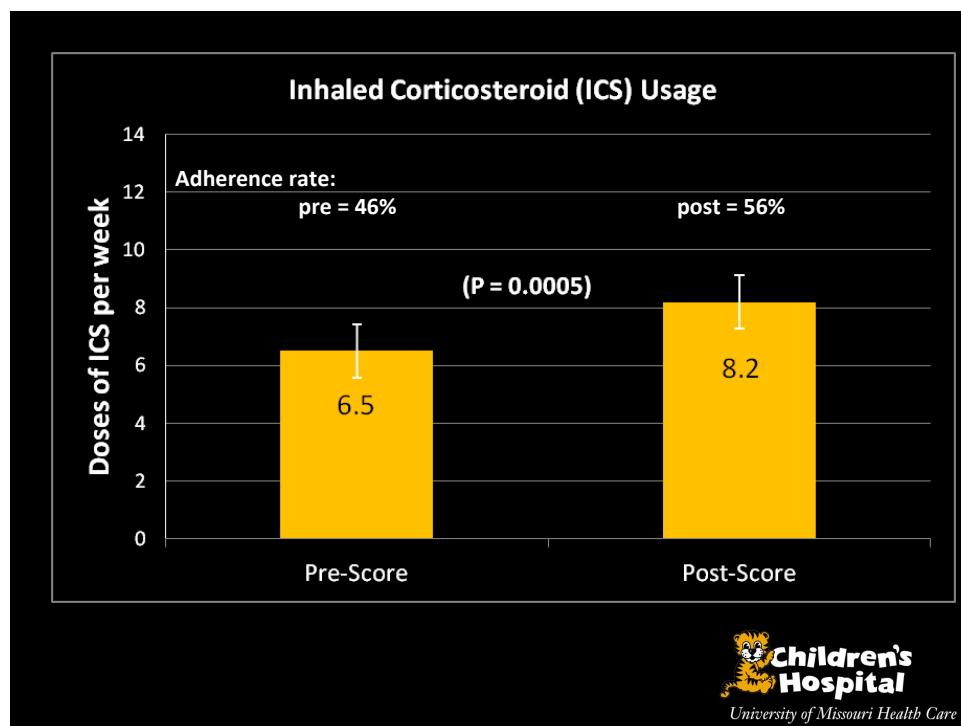
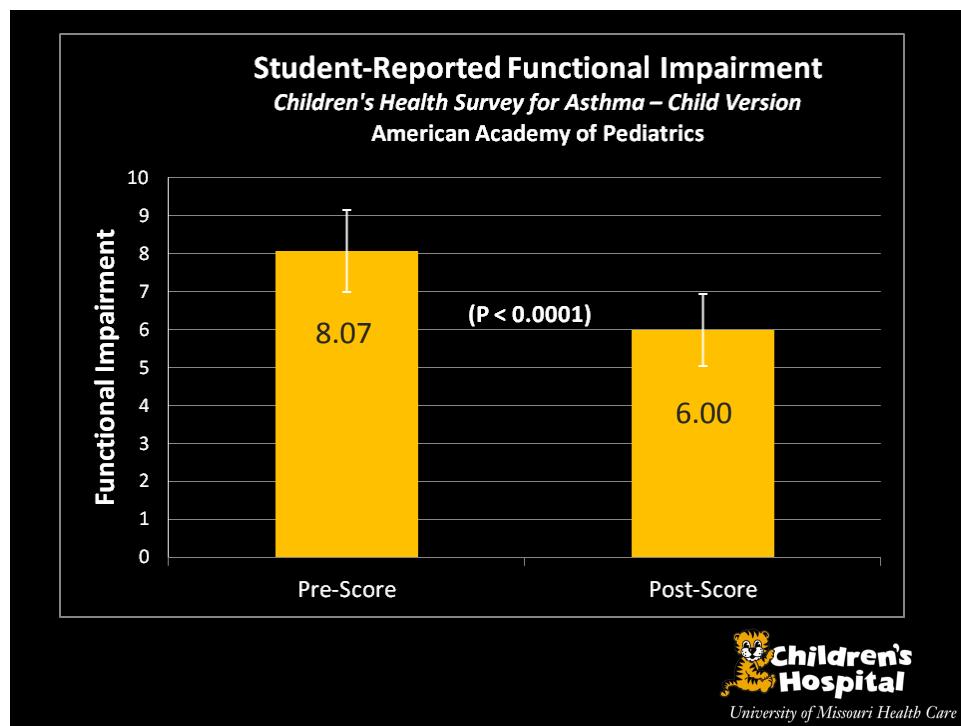
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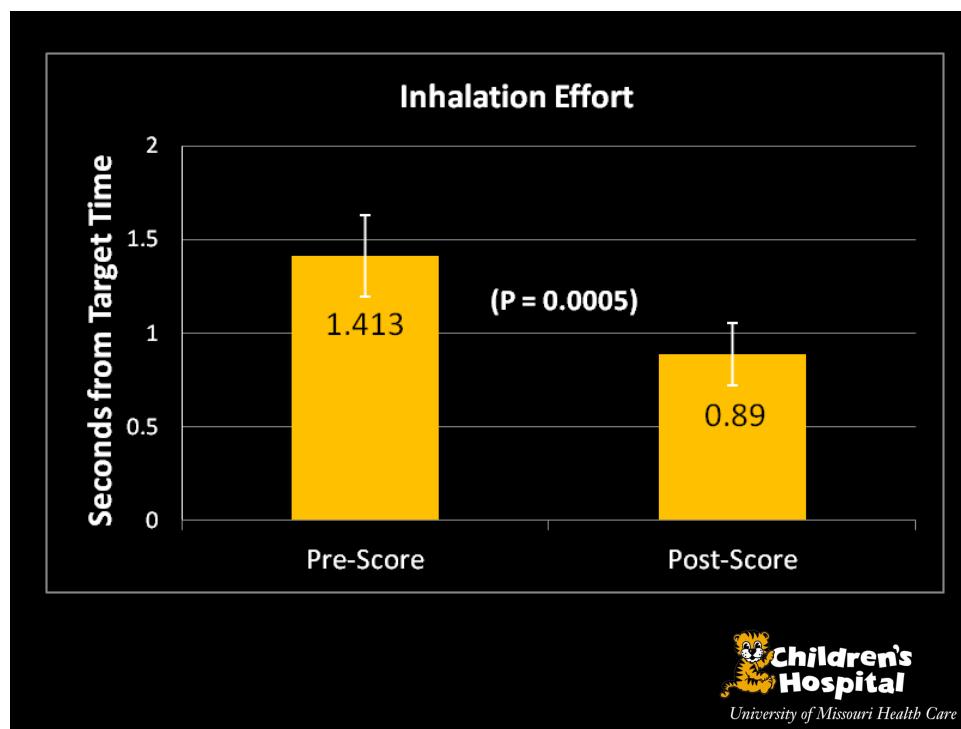
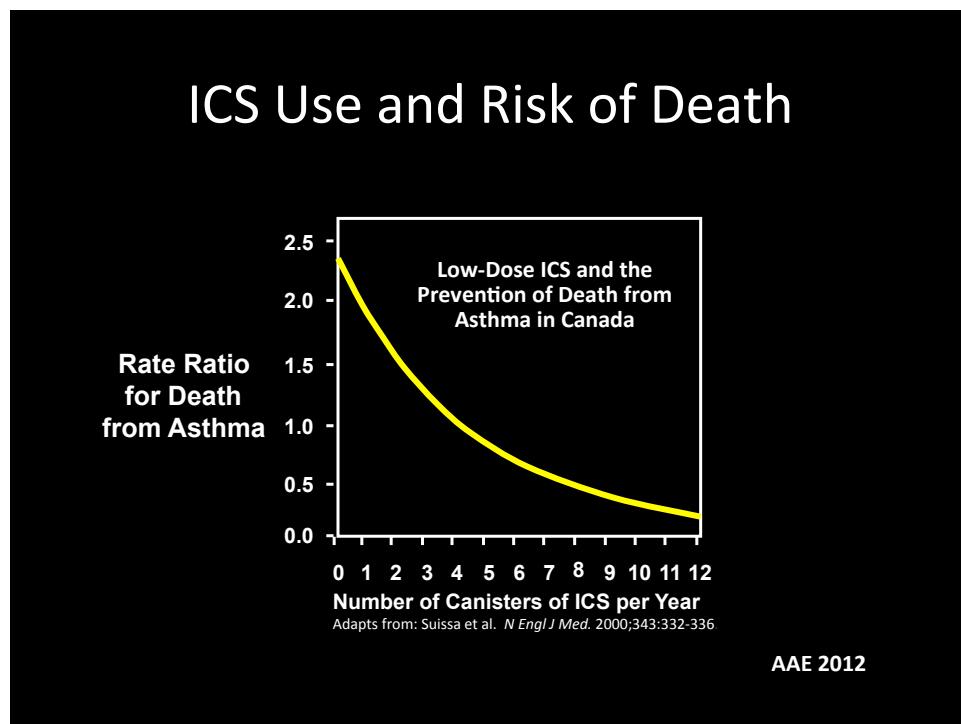


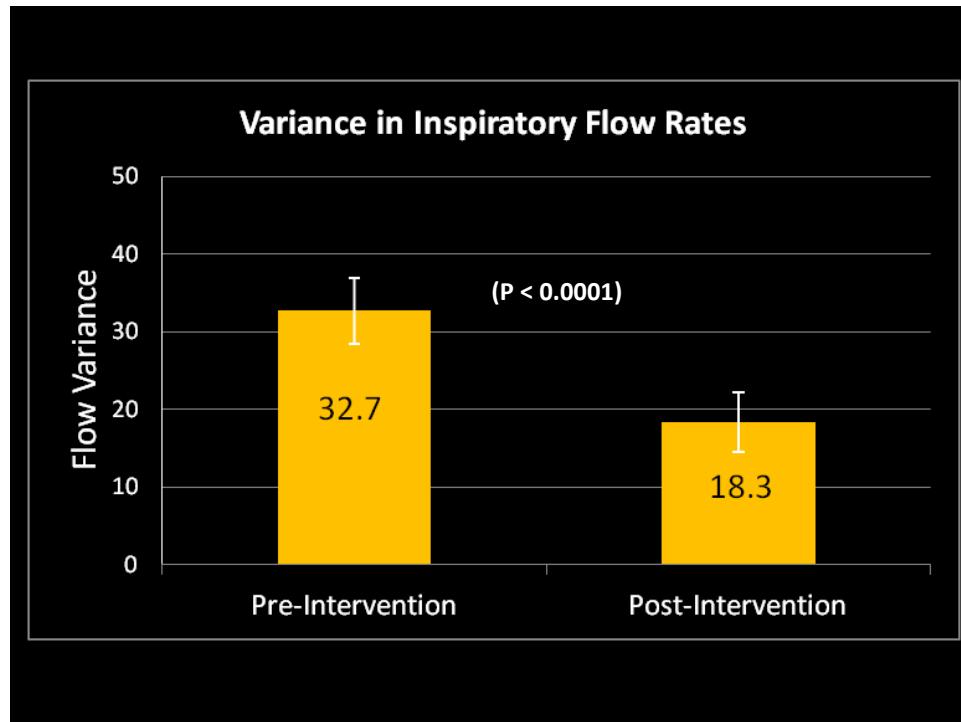
## Student FEV1 – Rural vs Urban

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%







## 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



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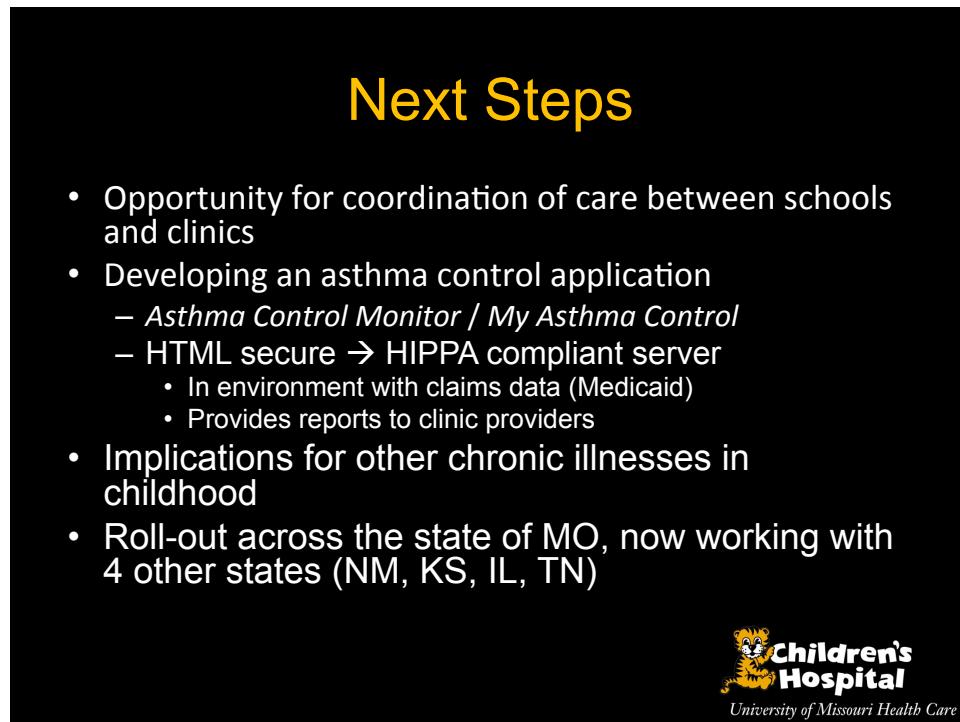
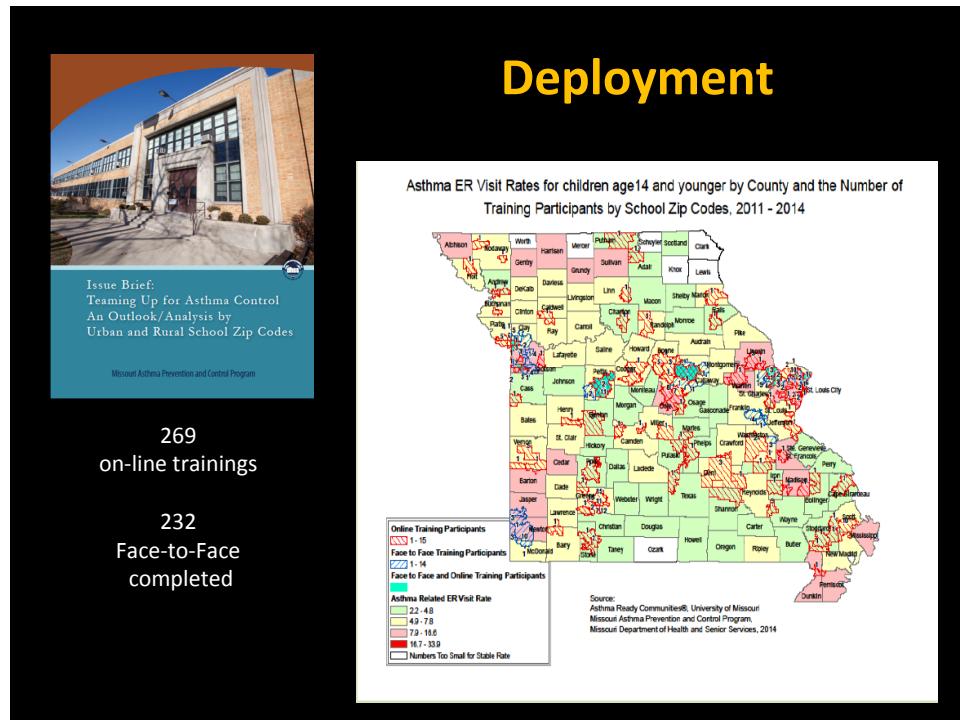
- Cost Analysis
  - 10,876 matched controls for children on continuous Medicaid (n=62)
    - Match criteria: age, gender, race, cost-strata
  - Assessed total MC cost 1 year prior vs. 1 year post intervention
  - Results – TUAC students MC cost fell \$1348.48, while controls cost rose \$82.69 with a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





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

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

Childhood Asthma Leadership Coalition

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”**

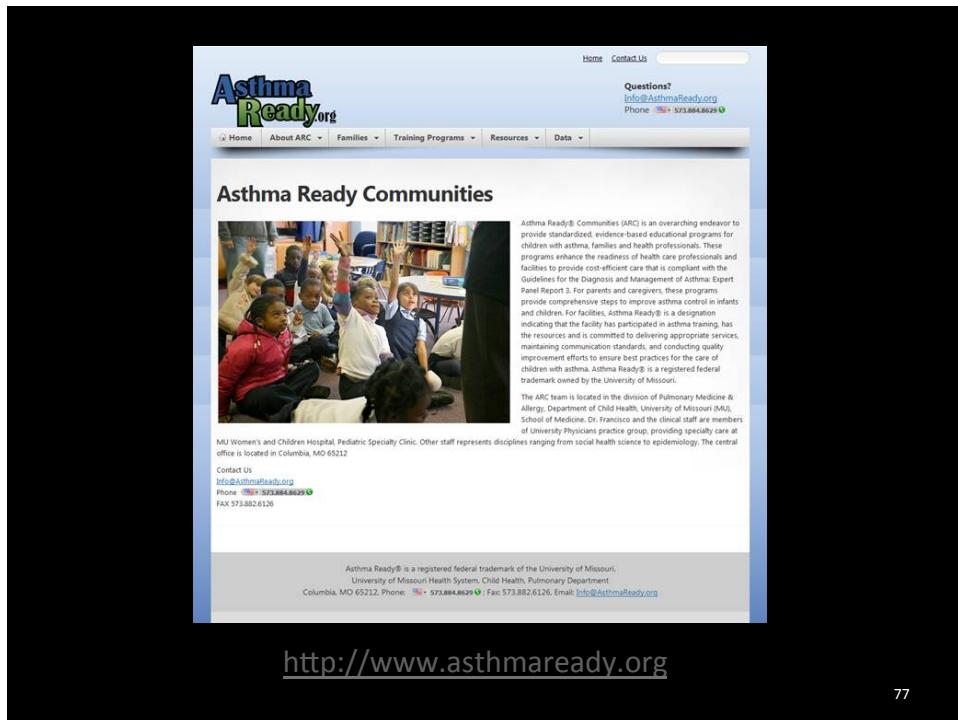
## Array of Clinical & Preventive Services\*

Service Type	Eligible Group	Service Cost
1) Asthma Literacy	Uncontrolled asthma	Low, S9441*
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)



<http://www.asthmaready.org>

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