

Linkages and Coordination of Care Across Settings Among People with Asthma

Information for Public Health Professionals

Linkages and coordination of care across settings among people with asthma is part of EXHALE, a set of six strategies used by CDC's National Asthma Control Program and its partners to help Americans with asthma.

Linkages and coordination of care across settings can:

- Improve medication adherence among people with asthma;
- Reduce asthma-related emergency department visits and hospitalizations;
- Reduce missed school days because of asthma; and
- Reduce healthcare costs.

Coordinated care includes linking people to needed healthcare and social services.

Ways to improve linkages and coordinated care among people with asthma include:

- Quality improvement initiatives;
- Patient-centered medical homes;
- Disease management or case management programs; and
- School or community-based programs.

Learn more about how linkages and coordination of care across settings can help children and adults with asthma:

<https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/exhale/>



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This strategy is represented by the "L" in EXHALE. The six strategies in EXHALE can have the greatest impact when used together in every community.



Education

on asthma self-management

X-tinguishing

smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke

Home

visits for trigger reduction and asthma self-management education

Achievement

of guidelines-based medical management

Linkages

and coordination of care across settings

Environmental

policies or best practices to reduce asthma triggers from indoor, outdoor or occupational sources

