

Appendix 2: Emergency Department Allies Tracking-System Data Elements

Demographics

Date of emergency department (ED) visit
 Time of ED visit
 Day of the week
 Age
 Gender
 Race
 Zip code
 Milwaukee County resident
 Insurance
 Primary care provider
 ED attending physician
 Medical chart number
 Hospital
 Doctor-diagnosed asthma

Questionnaire

Age of onset of wheezing
 Usual site for care for acute wheezing
 Ever admitted
 Last inpatient admission
 Number of admissions in previous 12 months
 Number of ED visits in previous 12 months
 See an asthma specialist
 Ever been intubated
 Daily asthma medications
 Asthma medication in the previous 24 hours
 Peak-flow meter in home
 Regularly use peak-flow meter
 Use an inhaler
 Use a nebulizer
 Cockroach exposure
 Home water damage
 Smoker at home
 Caregiver who smokes
 Pets
 Eczema
 Parent or sibling with asthma
 Written asthma care plan
 Participates in Milwaukee Allies Against Asthma Program

Usual method of transportation for medical care
 Prescription drug payment
 Duration of health care insurance for child
 History in prior 2 weeks
 Shortness of breath
 Exertional dyspnea
 Nighttime cough
 Sleep interrupted by cough/wheeze
 Education affected
 Symptoms stopped activities that child should be able to do
 Symptoms interfered with child's life
 Symptoms limited child's usual activities
 Family-life adjustments
 Symptoms interrupted life to use medication

Emergency Department

Height
 Weight
 Chief complaint
 Pulmonary function at arrival and discharge
 Number of albuterol treatments
 Number of ipratropium treatments
 ED steroids given
 Asthma videotape watched
 Peak-flow technique taught; if no, state reason
 Spacer technique taught; if no, state reason
 Chronic severity documented
 Chronic severity calculation
 Activity limitation
 Daytime symptoms
 Nighttime symptoms
 Controller medications
 ED disposition
 Discharge with steroids
 Steroids prescribed: oral, inhaled, or both
 Discharge with albuterol
 Asthma care plan written
 Primary care provider follow-up interval
 ED diagnosis

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