

Asthma Living Guideline Search Narrative - Inhaler Devices

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No searches were undertaken as key questions were not available.

Revised key questions. (Revised in 2003)

1. Which inhaler device is the most effective for the delivery of beta-agonists in children with asthma (under 5 and 5-12 yrs)?
2. Which inhaler device is the most effective for the delivery of cortico-steroids in children (< 5 and 5-12 yrs)?
3. How is inhaler technique best assessed?
4. How frequently should this inhaler technique assessment be performed?
5. What role does patient preference play in deciding which inhaler to prescribe?
6. Does this improve compliance?
7. Does this improve effectiveness of treatment?
8. With the imminent withdrawal of CFC propelled MDIs, which inhaler devices are the most effective for the delivery of :
 - a) beta-agonists?
 - b) cortico-steroids in adults (over 12 yrs)?

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