WHAT IS THE GLOBAL QUALITY STANDARD?

A taskforce of leading global asthma experts have developed global standards to support improved access to and delivery of high quality care for people living with severe asthma.

The Quality Standard is a global consensus on the key changes that policymakers, healthcare providers, patient advocacy groups and other key stakeholders must implement to improve patient care and reduce the overall burden of severe asthma.
WHAT CHANGES DOES THE QUALITY STANDARD CALL FOR?6
IT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED TO ALIGN TO 4 KEY ELEMENTS:

**RAPID REFERRAL MEASURES**
Including through ensuring suspected asthma triggers referral, disseminating SA identification tools and appointing local clinical champions

**PATIENT CENTRIC CARE MEASURES**
Including improving patient education and information to support active involvement in decision-making, establishing a standard for periodic review, implementing dedicated asthma action plans and allowing self-ownership of patient records

**IMPROVED SYSTEM FUNCTIONING AND COMMUNICATIONS MEASURES**
Including through using referral networks, improving data collection and tracking and the implementation and utilisation of MDT-based* assessment standards

**ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT**
Including the assessment for phenotype-based treatment, relegating the use of maintenance OCS and implementing OCS sparing strategies for those already on it

*multi-disciplinary team

HOW DO WE REALISE CHANGE?
As the world adjusts to a new paradigm, and with the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic still unclear, there has perhaps never been a more important time to ensure that people living with severe asthma receive the best care possible in order to keep them well and out of hospital, where possible.

To do this will take the combined action of policymakers, clinical leaders, clinicians, patient advocates and industry. The PRECISION group is committed to bringing these stakeholders together to ensure patients with severe asthma routinely receive the right care at the right time, in the most appropriate setting.

The time to act is now.
Read the full publication.

REFERENCES