

Which Asthma Medication(s) Should Your Patient Take to Best Manage Mild Asthma?

A Conversation Aid (for patients 12 and over)

| Your 3 Medication Options: | 1. As-Needed Short- Acting Reliever | 2. As-Needed Budesonide-Formoterol Combination (200/6 μg) | 3. Daily Inhaled Steroid (With As-Needed Reliever) |
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| | Reliever only | Controller + Reliever (in a single inhaler) | Controller + Reliever (as 2 separate inhalers) |
| How do these 3 asthma medication options compare when it comes to: | | | |
| A. How often people need their rescue medication: | Half of the days | Half of the days | A quarter of the days |
| B. How much inhaled steroid will enter a person's body over a year: | ≈ 0 inhalers (≈0 doses) | ≈ 1 inhaler (200 doses) | ≈2.7 inhalers (540 doses)* |
| C. How much the swelling in the airways will decrease over a year: | \$8% | \$21% | \$31% |
| D. How much of the time a person's asthma symptoms are under good control: | 30% of the year | 35% of the year | 45% of the year |
| E. How many people will have a severe asthma flare-up over a year (e.g. prednisone/ER visit/ hospitalization): | 20 out of 100 people | 7 out of 100 people | 9 out of 100 people |
| F. How much these medications could cost (without coverage) over a year: | \$40 | \$215 | \$280 |
| G. How many people will have a hoarse voice over a year: | 0 out of 100 people | 2 out of 100 people | 3 out of 100 people |
| Your Patient's Preferred Option: | | | |

*Based on 68% real-world adherence to a BID regimen

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