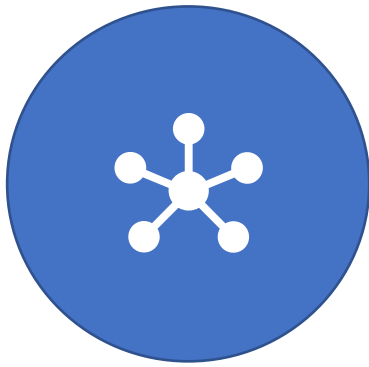


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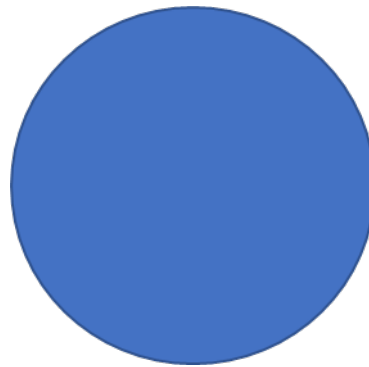


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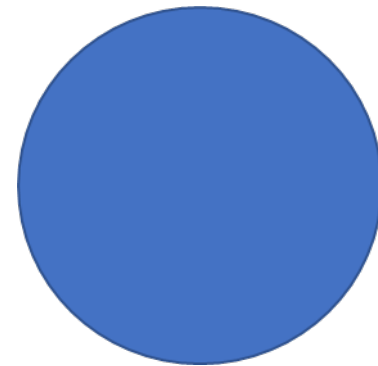
Objectives



Share information
about INHALE



Talk about the
PO/INHALE
partnership



Discuss goals of
the project and
how to join forces
to improve care

Purpose

Inspiring Health Advances in Lung Care (INHALE) is a collaborative quality initiative, in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, that aims to engage and empower Physician Organizations across the state to improve patient outcomes, address inequities in care, and promote high-value health care for children and adults with asthma and adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

Our vision is a world where anyone can breathe deeply and live fully.



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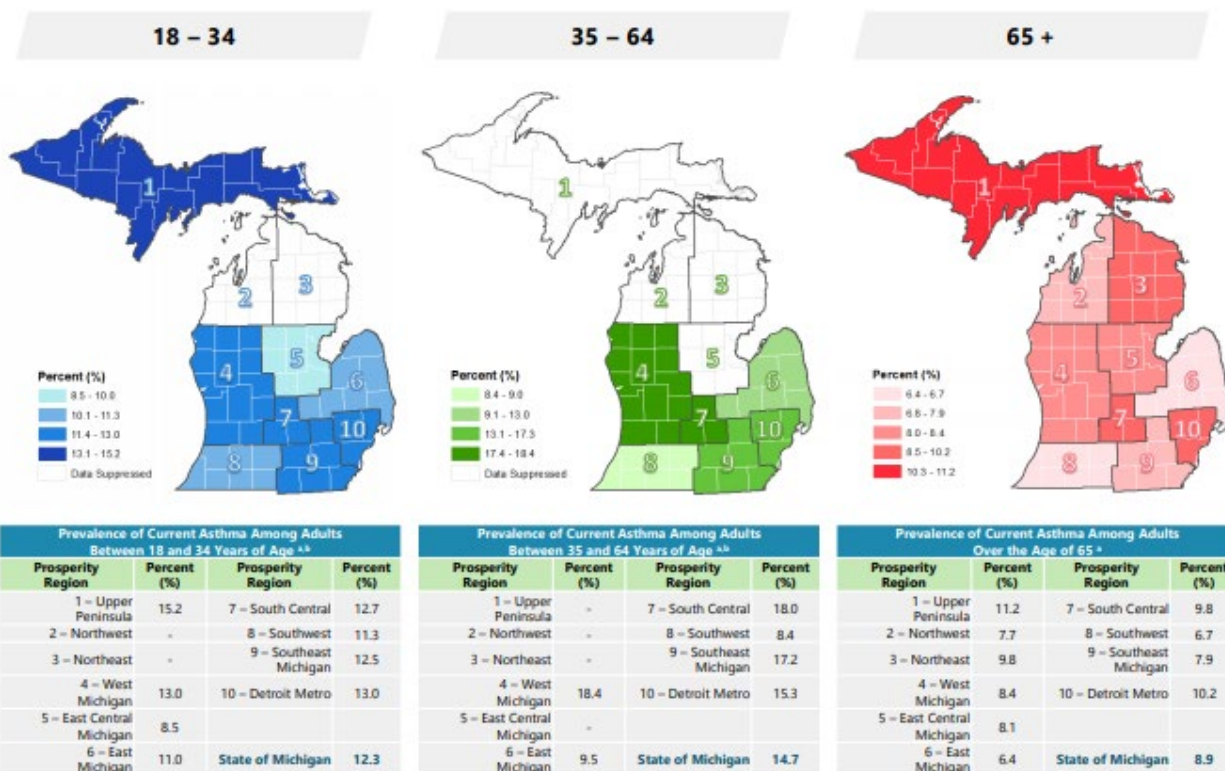
Why Focus on Asthma & COPD



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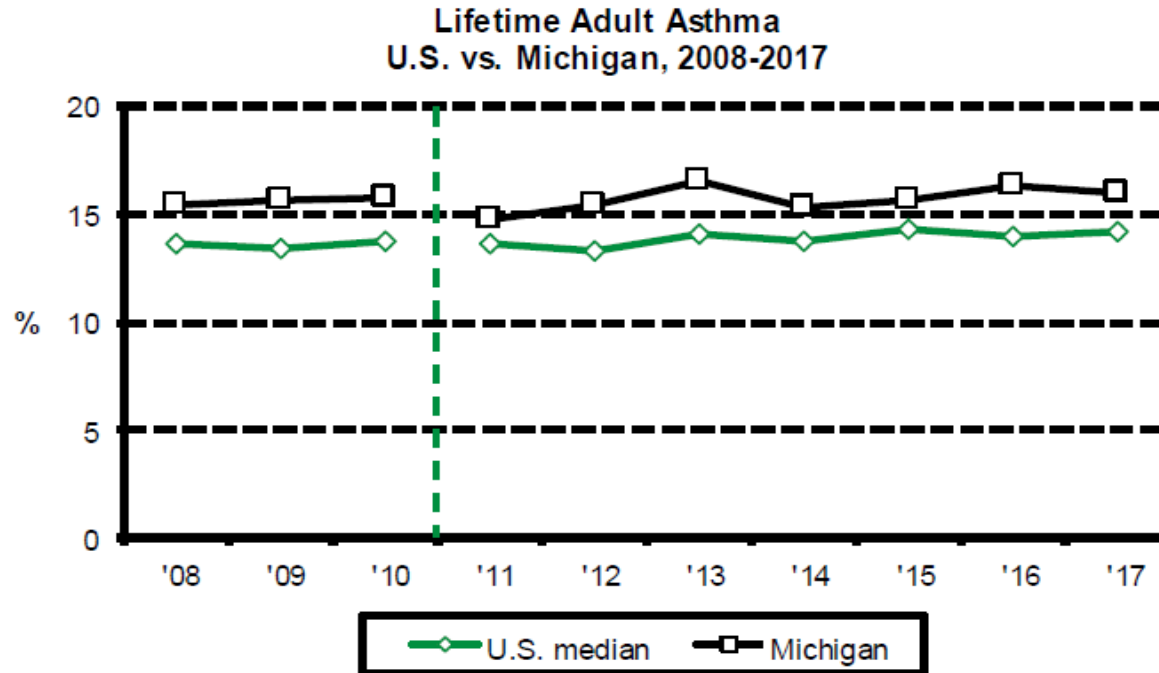
Prevalence of Asthma in Michigan- Age

- Based on 2018 CDC data:
 - 11.2% of Michigan adults** have asthma.
 - Michigan ranks **seventh in the nation** overall for asthma prevalence.



Data Notes: ^a Prevalence data taken from the 2012-2016 Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (MBRFSS). ^b Prosperity region rate suppressed if sample size < 50 or if the relative standard error > 30.

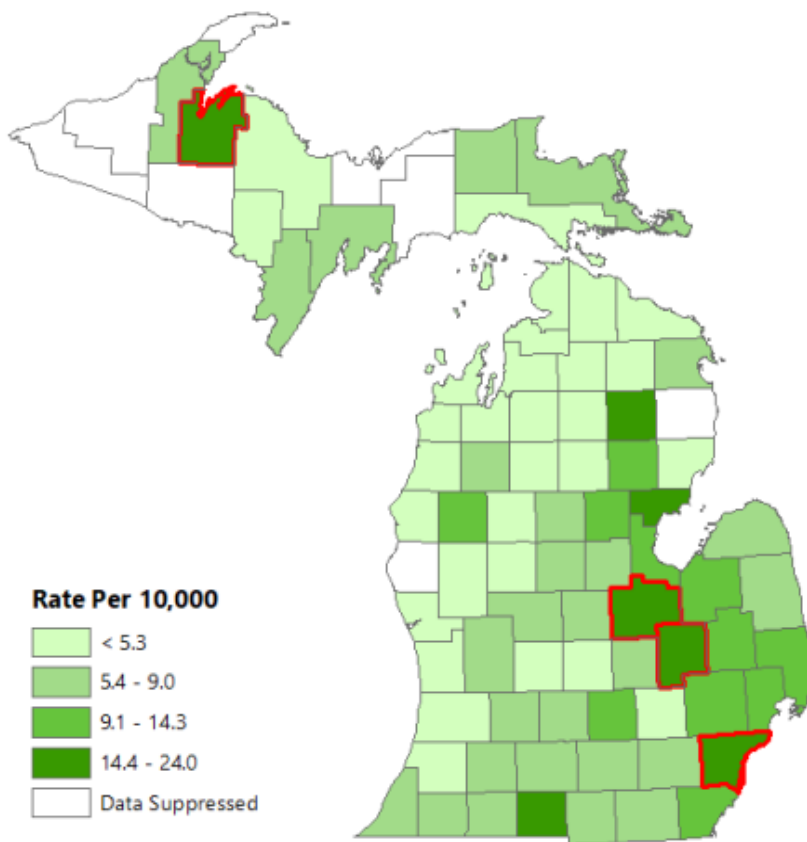
Trends in Asthma Prevalence in Michigan



- **Women have a higher prevalence of current asthma (14.6% vs 7.0%)**
- **Black, non Hispanic adults have a higher prevalence of current asthma (15.3% vs 10.3%)**

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Prevalence of Asthma in Michigan— Adult Hospitalizations



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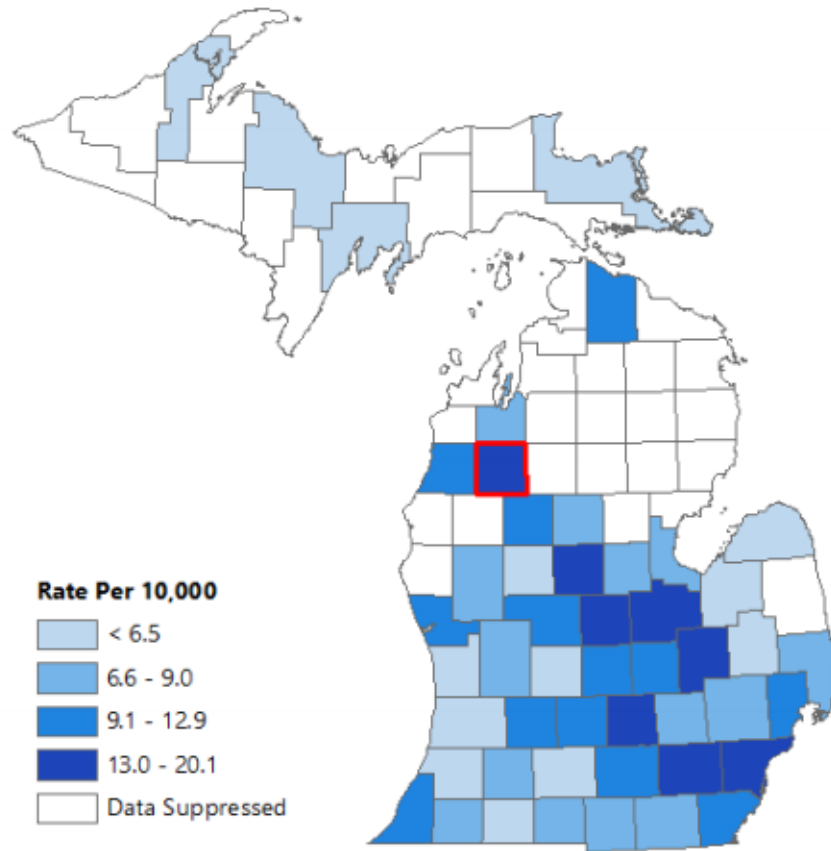
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Age-Adjusted Rates ^{ab} (per 10,000) of Asthma Hospitalizations Among Adults (Aged 18+) ^{c,d}			
County ^d	Rate	County ^d	Rate
Alcona	-	Lake	9.7
Alger	-	Lapeer	9.5
Allegan	4.0	Leelanau	4.3
Alpena	6.4	Lenawee	5.4
Antrim	3.3	Livingston	3.7
Arenac	14.9	Luce	7.7
Baraga	16.4 *	Mackinac	4.7
Barry	6.9	Macomb	11.5
Bay	13.3	Manistee	3.9
Benzie	5.1	Marquette	3.5
Berrien	6.4	Mason	2.3
Branch	14.3	Mecosta	2.9
Calhoun	6.7	Menominee	8.3
Cass	5.4	Midland	6.7
Charlevoix	2.7	Missaukee	4.2
Cheboygan	4.1	Monroe	12.9
Chippewa	8.1	Montcalm	5.9
Clare	6.4	Montmorency	4.7
Clinton	5.0	Muskegon	3.9
Crawford	2.7	Newaygo	3.3
Delta	5.4	Oakland	11.0
Dickinson	4.2	Oceana	-
Eaton	7.1	Ogemaw	10.0
Emmet	5.0	Ontonagon	-
Genesee	15.7 *	Osceola	4.3
Gladwin	10.2	Oscoda	15.2
Gogebic	-	Otsego	2.4
Grand Traverse	4.5	Ottawa	2.7
Gratiot	8.9	Presque Isle	5.0
Hillsdale	8.6	Roscommon	5.3
Houghton	8.2	Saginaw	21.8 *
Huron	8.0	St Clair	12.7
Ingham	12.6	St Joseph	6.5
Ionia	3.1	Sanilac	8.0
Iosco	4.0	Schoolcraft	-
Iron	-	Shiawassee	5.7
Isabella	6.0	Tuscola	9.7
Jackson	6.5	Van Buren	4.8
Kalamazoo	5.7	Washtenaw	5.7
Kalkaska	3.6	Wayne	23.0 *
Kent	5.8	Wexford	7.4
Keweenaw	-	State of Michigan	11.1



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Prevalence of Asthma in Michigan— Child Hospitalizations



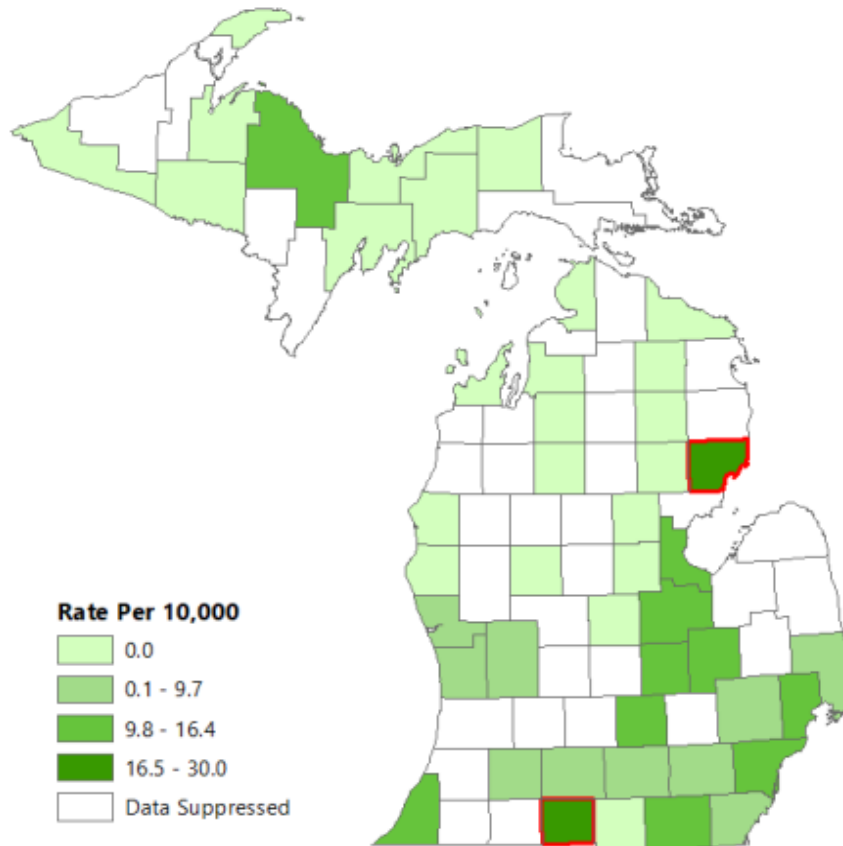
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Age-Adjusted Rates ^{a,b} (per 10,000) of Asthma Hospitalizations Among Children (Aged <18) ^{c,d}

County ^d	Rate	County ^d	Rate
Alcona	-	Lake	-
Alger	-	Lapeer	5.8
Allegan	4.8	Leelanau	-
Alpena	-	Lenawee	7.2
Antrim	-	Livingston	7.8
Arenac	-	Luce	-
Baraga	-	Mackinac	-
Barry	9.1	Macomb	9.3
Bay	8.6	Manistee	9.4
Benzie	-	Marquette	5.5
Berrien	10.2	Mason	-
Branch	7.7	Mecosta	4.9
Calhoun	6.0	Menominee	-
Cass	7.0	Midland	7.6
Charlevoix	-	Missaukee	-
Cheboygan	11.0	Monroe	9.3
Chippewa	6.0	Montcalm	11.0
Clare	7.9	Montmorency	-
Clinton	10.9	Muskegon	11.1
Crawford	-	Newaygo	7.7
Delta	5.4	Oakland	8.9
Dickinson	-	Oceana	-
Eaton	12.9	Ogemaw	-
Emmet	-	Ontonagon	-
Genesee	14.2	Osceola	10.4
Gladwin	-	Oscoda	-
Gogebic	-	Otsego	-
Grand Traverse	7.4	Ottawa	3.9
Gratiot	17.3	Presque Isle	-
Hillsdale	6.7	Roscommon	-
Houghton	6.0	Saginaw	14.3
Huron	6.4	St Clair	7.7
Ingham	16.7	St Joseph	3.9
Ionia	5.2	Sanilac	-
Iosco	-	Schoolcraft	-
Iron	-	Shiawassee	9.8
Isabella	17.5	Tuscola	4.4
Jackson	11.4	Van Buren	6.0
Kalamazoo	7.9	Washtenaw	17.3
Kalkaska	-	Wayne	17.7
Kent	8.0	Wexford	20.1 *
Keweenaw	-	State of Michigan	10.9

Prevalence of Asthma in Michigan— Mortality

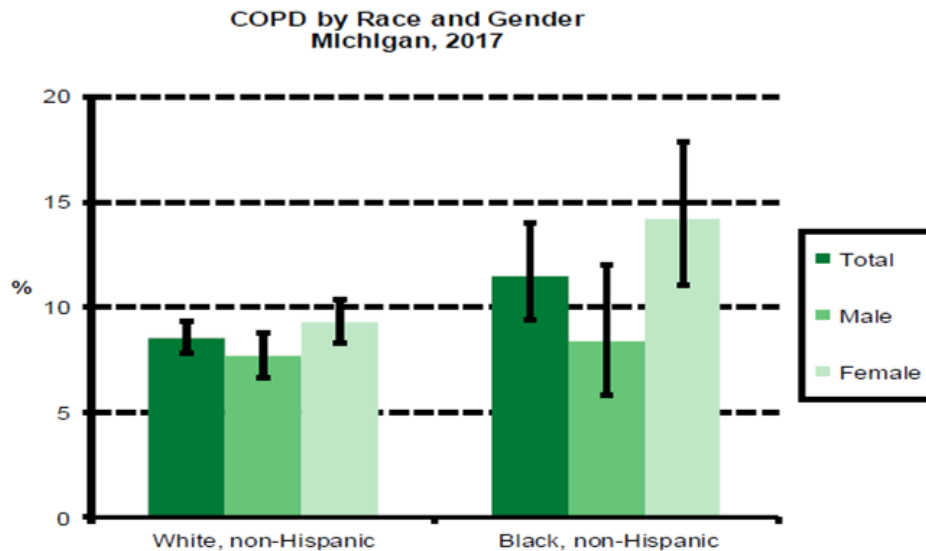


Data Notes:

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Age-Adjusted Rates ^{a,b} (per 10,000) of Asthma Mortality ^{c,d}			
County ^a	Rate	County ^a	Rate
Alcona	-	Lake	-
Alger	0.0	Lapeer	-
Allegan	-	Leelanau	0.0
Alpena	-	Lenawee	10.9
Antrim	0.0	Livingston	-
Arenac	-	Luce	0.0
Baraga	0.0	Mackinac	-
Barry	-	Macomb	11.7
Bay	11.2	Manistee	-
Benzie	-	Marquette	13.1
Berrien	12.7	Mason	0.0
Branch	24.1 *	Mecosta	0.0
Calhoun	5.8	Menominee	-
Cass	-	Midland	0.0
Charlevoix	-	Missaukee	0.0
Cheboygan	-	Monroe	9.2
Chippewa	-	Montcalm	-
Clare	-	Montmorency	0.0
Clinton	-	Muskegon	5.0
Crawford	-	Newaygo	-
Delta	0.0	Oakland	9.6
Dickinson	-	Oceana	0.0
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Keweenaw	0.0	State of Michigan	9.8

Prevalence of COPD in Michigan



BRFFS Survey 2017

Table 2. Prevalence of COPD among Michigan Adults by Selected Chronic Conditions and Health Behaviors, 2011 Michigan BRFS

	%	95% CI
Total	8.0	(7.3-8.7)
Current Asthma		
Yes	28.1	(24.4-32.3)
No	5.7	(5.1-6.4)
Ever Told Diabetes		
Yes	14.7	(12.3-17.5)
No	7.2	(6.5-8.0)
Ever Told Cardiovascular Disease		
Yes	22.9	(19.7-26.4)
No	6.4	(5.7-7.1)
Ever Told Cancer		
Yes	14.3	(12.1-16.8)
No	7.2	(6.4-7.9)
Ever Told Arthritis		
Yes	15.2	(13.6-16.9)
No	4.8	(4.1-5.5)
Cigarette Smoking		
Current	14.8	(12.7-17.2)
Former	10.9	(9.6-12.4)
Never	3.3	(2.8-4.0)
Secondhand Smoke Exposure		
Yes	12.7	(10.1-15.8)
No	6.6	(5.6-7.8)

Fussman C, Wahl R, LyonCallo S. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Among Michigan Adults. Michigan BRFFS Surveillance Brief. Vol. 7, No. 2. and Genomics Division, Surveillance and Program Evaluation Section, Chronic Disease Epidemiology Unit, April 2013.

Why Focus on Asthma and COPD in Tandem?

- Both are frequently misdiagnosed
- Common risk factors for poor outcomes
 - Environmental exposures
 - Tobacco use
 - Recurrent exacerbations that result in accelerated lung function decline
- Inappropriate management
 - Oral corticosteroid overuse
 - Short acting beta agonist overuse (SABA) over reliance
 - Lack of appropriate phenotyping/no precision medicine approaches
 - Poor asthma/COPD control and lack of adherence to guidelines



The Economic Burden

The high prevalence rates results in **significant economic burden** to the State in terms of **healthcare costs** due to:

- ED visits
- Hospitalizations
- Readmissions
- Loss of productivity per year due to missed days at work and school

The economic burden of asthma in the **United States** is estimated at more than **\$80 billion per year**.

The economic burden of asthma in **Michigan** is estimated at **~\$3 billion per year**.



Tursynbek Nurmagambetov, Olga Khavjou, Louise Murphy & Diane Orenstein (2017) State-level medical and absenteeism cost of asthma in the United States, *Journal of Asthma*, 54:4, 357-370, DOI: [10.1080/02770903.2016.1218013](https://doi.org/10.1080/02770903.2016.1218013)



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PO/INHALE Partnership

How is INHALE Partnering with Physician Organizations?

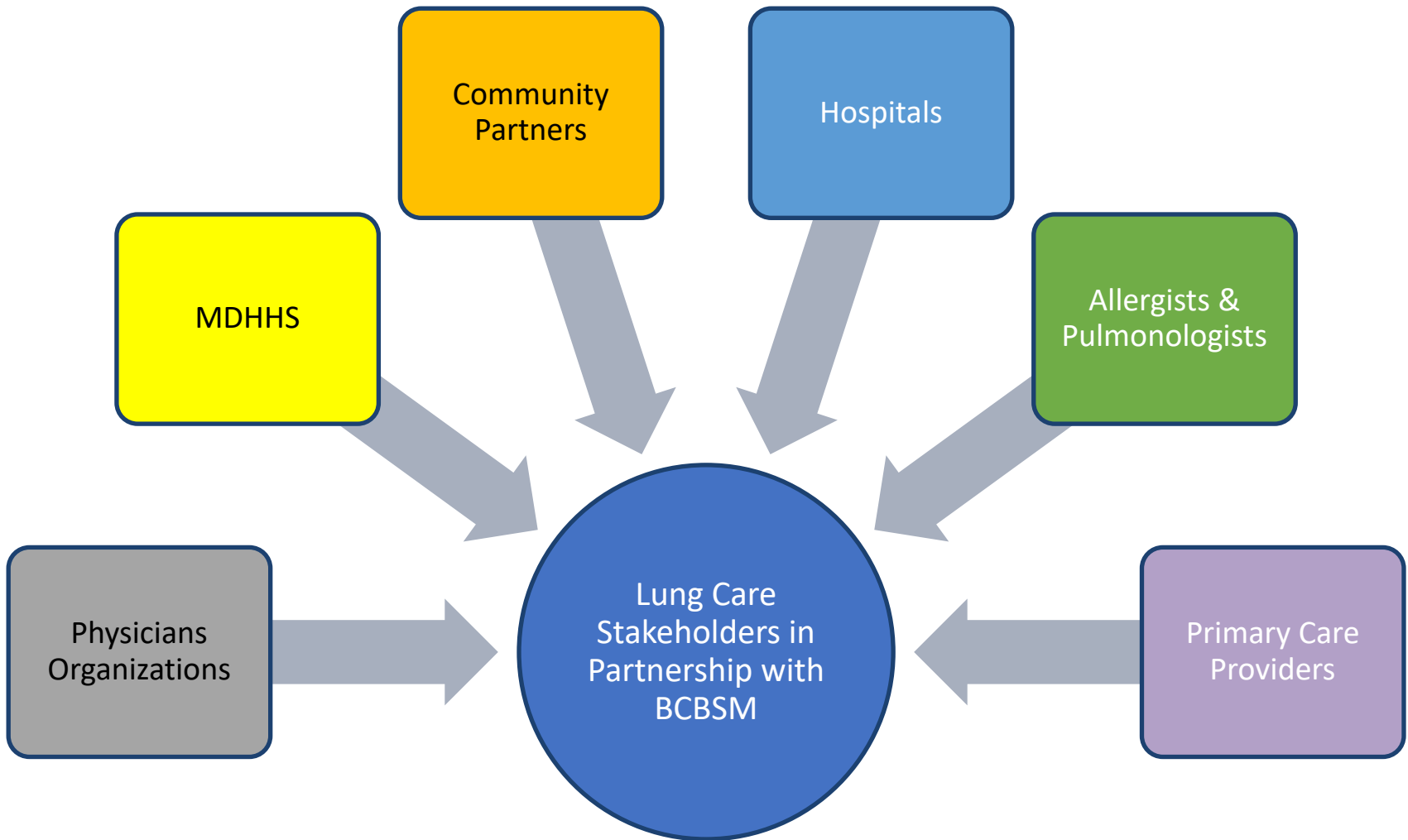
Physician Organizations:

- 15 PO's Enrolled for Year 1
 - They will recruit practices
 - Specialty:
 - Pediatric Pulmonary
 - Adult Pulmonary
 - Allergy
 - Primary Care Providers
 - Adult/Family/Pediatrics
 - Share clinical data through MIHIN
 - Have access to a Clinical Dashboard:
 - PO level data
 - Practice level data
 - Patient level data
 - Commitment to sharing best-practices and help shape future work- committees etc.

INHALE:

- Guideline-based: GINA 2022 focused
- Educational opportunities:
 - Learning management platform
 - Repository for educational materials
 - Training modules
 - Specialists commit to help train primary care
 - Development of educational materials
- Data analysis
- Quality Improvement guidance
- Monetary support and incentives through BCBSM (VBR).

Key Stakeholder Engagement



QI Approach Process

Through Consensus Building...



Identify the prevalence of uncontrolled asthma and COPD in the state of Michigan



Increase compliance with guideline recommended assessments of control



Improve quality of care based on adherence to guidelines



Increase knowledge of phenotypic characteristics of asthma and COPD



Increase tobacco cessation counseling and interventions
(In collaboration with MBOM)



Overarching Goals



CQI Targets in Asthma and COPD

Participating health systems, PPO, practices and providers

QI Targets in Asthma and COPD

Have a confirmed the diagnosis ?

Diagnosis
Ensure accuracy of diagnosis of asthma and COPD

How is control defined and why is it important?

Control
Understand current disease activity in a consistent and reliable way (CAT, mMRC, AIR-Q, ACT)

How is risk defined and why does it matter?

Risk Stratification
Determine current and future risk with a focus on acute events

Are SABA inhalers safe?

SABA Over Reliance
Understand risks associated with SABA and lack of adherence to maintenance therapies

What is the toxic dose of OCS & how can toxicity be mitigated?

OCS Overuse
Target reduction in OCS use and increase stewardship through education about OCS toxicity

Patients, caregivers and patient representatives

Do I have asthma, COPD or neither and what does that mean?

Do you know what good asthma/COPD control is?

What is an attack? Should I care about these?

What medications should I focus on?

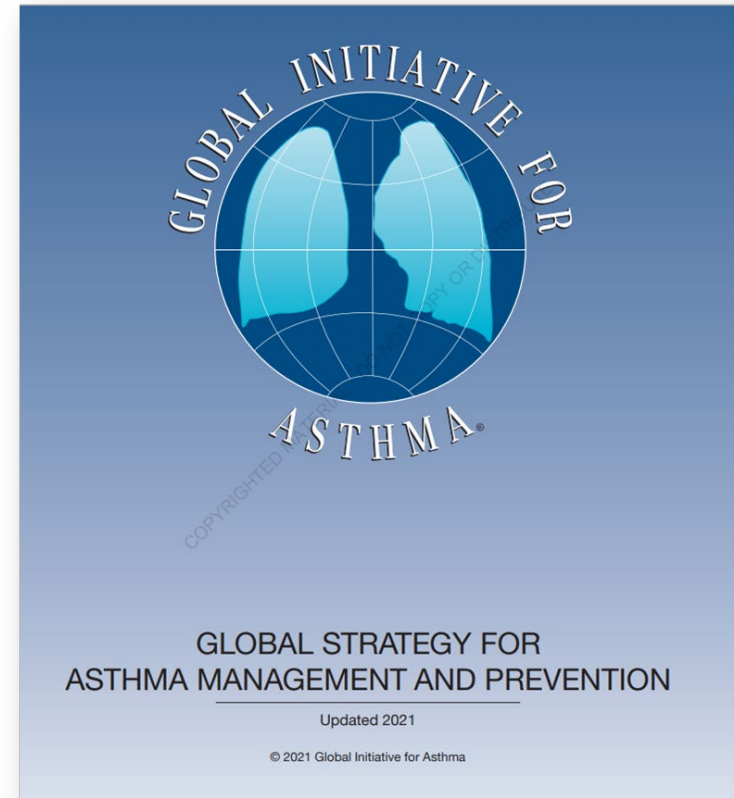
What is the toxic dose of OCS? Should I take OCS?

Goal 1: Improve Accurate Diagnosis of Asthma and COPD

Lung function measures and markers of inflammation are essential hallmarks of disease severity and precision medicine approaches to care.

Targets:

- Increase utilization of spirometry for the diagnosis of Asthma and COPD.
- Increase utilization of IgE and eosinophil testing in both Asthma and COPD.



Goal 2: Prioritize Consistent Documentation and Understanding of Disease Control Measures

Both clinicians and patients have a poor understanding of whether a given patient's disease is controlled.

Target:

Increase utilization of validated patient reported outcomes for both Asthma and COPD.

- ACT
- AIRQ
- CAT
- mMRC

Patient's Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Childhood Asthma Control Test for children 4 to 11 years.

This test will provide a score that may help the doctor determine if your child's asthma treatment plan is working or if it might be time for a change.

How to take the Childhood Asthma Control Test

Step 1 Let your child respond to the first four questions (1 to 4). If your child needs help reading or understanding the question, you may help, but let your child select the response. Complete the remaining three questions (5 to 7) on your own and without letting your child's response influence your answers. There are no right or wrong answers.

Step 2 Write the number of each answer in the score box provided.





Step 3 Add up each score box for the total.

Step 4 Take the test to the doctor to talk about your child's total score.





Have your child complete these questions.

19 or less If your child's score is 19 or less, it may be a sign that your child's asthma is not controlled as well as it could be. Bring this test to the doctor to talk about the results.





1. How is your asthma today?

 Very bad	 Bad	 Good	 Very good	SCORE <input type="checkbox"/>
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2. How much of a problem is your asthma when you run, exercise or play sports?

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3. Do you cough because of your asthma?







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4. Do you wake up during the night because of your asthma?







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Please complete the following questions on your own.







5. During the last 4 weeks, how many days did your child have any daytime asthma symptoms?

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6. During the last 4 weeks, how many days did your child wheeze during the day because of asthma?

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7. During the last 4 weeks, how many days did your child wake up during the night because of asthma?

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TOTAL

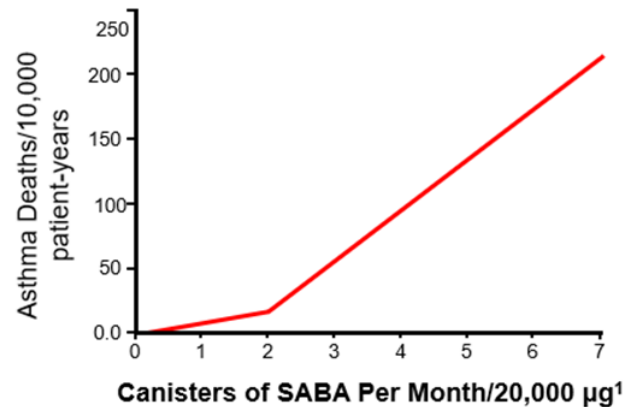
 The American Lung Association supports the Childhood Asthma Control Test and does not endorse products. 023 (12-07) Regional Health Education

Goal 3: Prioritize Consistent Documentation of Risk

Risk stratification is inconsistently performed, and exacerbation frequency is underestimated

Targets:

- Documentation of exacerbations requiring systemic steroids, ER/urgent care visits and hospitalizations should occur at each visit coded as Asthma or COPD.
- Development of EMR and claims-based exacerbation definitions to assist with automated risk stratification.
- Exacerbations will be redefined as high-risk events where urgent action is required to mitigate future exacerbations.



Mortality risk escalates rapidly when >1-2 SABA canisters are used per month¹

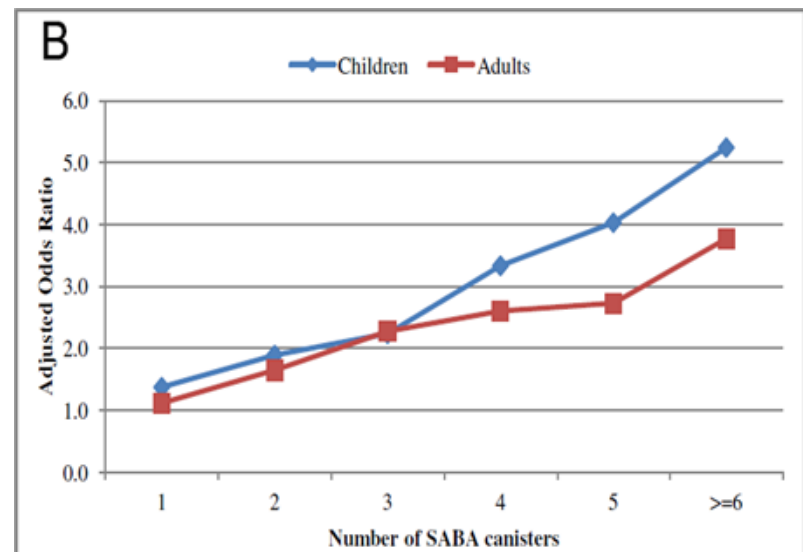
Goal 4: Enable the Identification of SABA Overuse

SABA overuse and over reliance is a common problem and increased SABA use is associated with increased exacerbations and poor outcomes

Targets:

- Use claims data to develop reports on SABA prescription fill rates and track these over time.
- Remote patient monitoring (RPM) will be used to track adherence and device technique in order to better predict exacerbations.
- Promote documentation of SABA use in the EMR.
- Clinicians and patients will be educated on SABA overuse and risks with a goal of reducing overuse and associated poor outcomes.

**≥3 canisters/year
(average 1.6 puffs/day)
is associated with doubled risk of ED visit**



Nwaru et al, ERJ 2021 (n=365,324)

Goal 5: Mitigation of Oral Corticosteroid Overuse

Oral corticosteroids are frequently prescribed for asthma and COPD

Targets:

- Promote documentation and tracking of oral corticosteroid tapers in the preceding 12 months.
- Develop tool that translates prescription fills into mg of steroids which can be entered into a toxicity indicator.
- Develop patient and provider education materials on OCS toxicity
- Screening tools for evidence of OCS toxicity





Why is OCS Overuse Bad?

Cumulative **LIFETIME** dose of 1 gram of OCS significantly increases the risk of adverse outcomes:

4 courses of OCS is equivalent to 1 gram

- Cerebrovascular accident
- Heart Failure
- Myocardial Infarction
- Cardio-cerebrovascular disease
- Type 2 Diabetes
- Cataracts and Glaucoma
- Osteoporosis diagnosis/Fractures
- Pneumonia
- Sleep Apnea
- Depression
- Peptic Ulcer
- Renal Impairment

Approaches to Address OCS Overuse

OCS sparing^{1,2}

- Address modifiable risk factors, comorbidities and overdiagnosis
- Optimise other asthma therapies
- Refer appropriate patients in a timely manner
- Utilise OCS-sparing therapies

OCS stewardship²⁻⁴

- Use in accordance with latest guidelines
- Use lowest dose possible and taper as soon as possible
- Monitor use and adverse effects closely
- Educate patients and physicians on risks when reducing OCS, especially AI

AI, adrenal insufficiency; OCS, oral corticosteroid(s)

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Goal 6: Patient education and empowerment

Patients are unaware of what good asthma and COPD control is and how to reduce risks and avoid OCS

Targets:

Develop materials and social media campaigns to educate providers and patients on:

- SABA overuse and risks
- Oral steroids overuse and education around toxicity
- What good asthma/COPD control look like.



INITIAL KEY CLINICAL AREAS OF FOCUS

Claims data information for:

SPIROMETRY

Appropriate use of spirometry as a tool to accurately diagnose both Asthma and COPD.



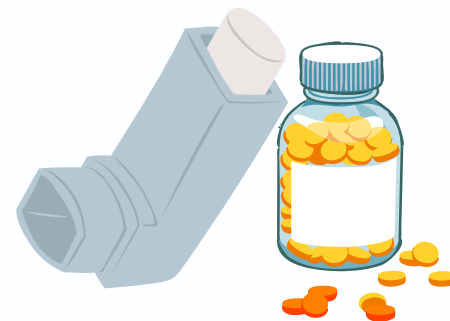
INHALER EDUCATION

Education for both providers and patients on inhaler use through our learning platform; utilization of the CPT code 94664 for inhaler education.



HOSPITALIZATION, ED, UC

Identification of patients that require hospitalization, an ED visit, or UC visit due to poorly controlled asthma or COPD.



Leveraging data science and machine- learning

- Identify patients at **high risk for poor outcomes** that can be targeted for specific interventions.
- Identify patients who are **misdiagnosed** who are likely getting **suboptimal treatment**.
- Use **best practices** in algorithmic development and validation with careful attention paid to risks of **bias**.
- **Dissect racial bias** in an algorithm used to manage the health of populations.

<https://science.sciencemag.org/content/366/6464/447>



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How we can join forces to improve care

- Physician Organizations
 - Year 1 participants
 - Future recruitment
- Professional Organizations
- Providers
- Patient advocates/community health workers
- Insurers

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