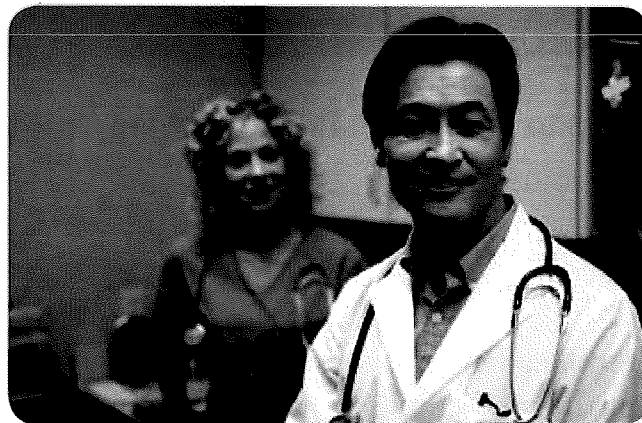


How does your child take asthma medicines?

Some asthma medicines are pills or liquids. Many asthma medicines are sprays or powders that come in inhalers or puffers.

Not all inhalers work the same way. It is important that your child uses the inhaler the right way, so he or she gets the medicine into the lungs correctly. Ask the health care provider or pharmacist to show you the right way to use the inhaler. Practice using the inhaler when you and your child visit the health care provider.

Each child's asthma symptoms are different. So each child's asthma medicine may also be different. The health care provider will work with you and your child to prescribe the right medicine.



TIP

Keep all medicines away from small children.



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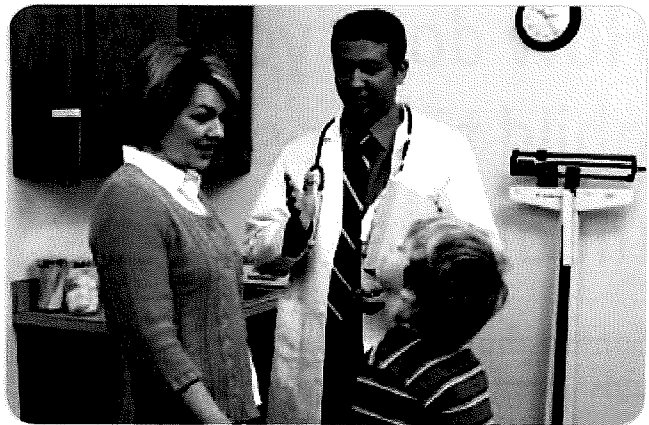
Tools to help make taking asthma medicine easier

Spacers

A tool called a spacer may help your child get the medicine into his or her airways. The health care provider may prescribe a spacer to add to the mouthpiece of the inhaler to help your child take the medicine. It is placed on the mouthpiece of the inhaler and makes a space between your child's mouth and the medicine.

Nebulizer

A nebulizer turns certain liquid medicine into a mist. The nebulizer comes with a mask that fits over your child's nose and mouth. Your child breathes the medicine in through the mask. This tool may make it easier for very young children to take their medicine. Only some asthma medicines can be used with a nebulizer.



Your child's medicine comes with directions. The directions show you how to help your child take the medicine the right way. Read the directions to learn about your child's medicine. If there is anything you do not understand, be sure to ask the health care provider or pharmacist.

