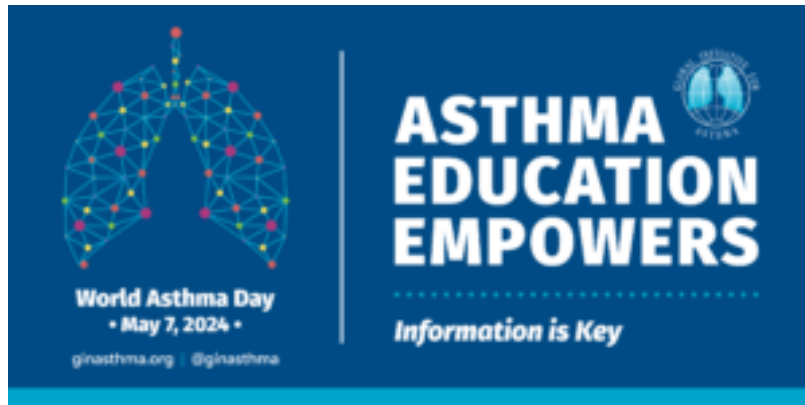




GINA GUIDELINES FOR ASTHMA MANAGEMENT Ages 12 years and older



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Case

- 12-year-old African American male residing in a rural neighborhood with a high prevalence of environmental allergens and air pollution.
- He has a family history of asthma, -older sister
- Patient diagnosed with asthma at the age of 6y following recurrent episodes of wheezing, coughing, and chest tightness.
- Despite adherence to prescribed medications, his symptoms gradually worsened over the years.
- Attended state asthma camp for first time

Case

- Day 1/5 check in
 - clear breath sounds, O2 sat 98%, other vitals normal.
 - Daily meds include QVAR scheduled daily and Albuterol as needed.
- Day 2/5: visits the health hut of asthma camp

His symptoms include:

 1. daily persistent coughing
 2. wheezing with any exertion
 3. shortness of breath today, and nocturnal awakenings.
 4. Chest tightness

Case

- peak flow meter -appropriate technique noted. He was 60% of stated personal best.
- Physical examination:
 - mild wheeze bilaterally with decreased right lung breath sounds with prolonged expiratory phase.
 - spirometry available and demonstrated significant airflow obstruction with a forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) less than 60% predicted and FEV1/FVC ratio <0.70.

Case

- *Camp Management:*

- **Pharmacological Therapy:**

1. QVAR 80 mg qd 1 puff daily. Increase if symptoms of asthma.
2. He has an order for Prednisone 2mg/kg/day for acute exacerbations and maintenance therapy during periods of severe symptoms.
3. Albuterol 2 puffs as rescue medication for symptom relief.

- **Asthma Action Plan:**

- personalized asthma action plan delineating steps for daily management, recognition of worsening symptoms, and appropriate actions during exacerbations.

Case

- Post camp education on...
 1. Use of Asthma Action Plan.
 2. Use of peak flows.
 3. Regular follow-up visits with healthcare providers for asthma monitoring and adjustment of treatment as needed.

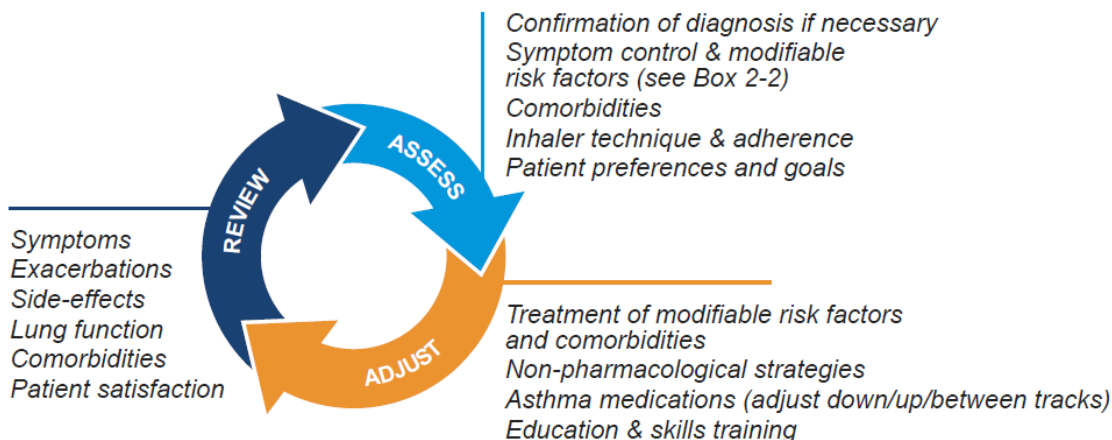
Discussion

- Further questions for Linda
- Thoughts on control/risk
- Assessment of adherence/technique
- Thoughts on current management

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Personalized asthma management

Assess, Adjust, Review
for individual patient needs



TRACK 1: PREFERRED CONTROLLER and RELIEVER

Using ICS-formoterol as the reliever* reduces the risk of exacerbations compared with using a SABA reliever, and is a simpler regimen

STEPS 1 – 2

As-needed-only low dose ICS-formoterol

STEP 3

Low dose maintenance ICS-formoterol

STEP 4

Medium dose maintenance ICS-formoterol

STEP 5

Add-on LAMA
Refer for assessment of phenotype. Consider high dose maintenance ICS-formoterol, ± anti-IgE, anti-IL5/5R, anti-IL4Rα, anti-TSLP

RELIEVER: As-needed low-dose ICS-formoterol*

See GINA severe asthma guide

TRACK 2: Alternative CONTROLLER and RELIEVER

Before considering a regimen with SABA reliever, check if the patient is likely to adhere to daily controller treatment

STEP 1

Take ICS whenever SABA taken*

STEP 2

Low dose maintenance ICS

STEP 3

Low dose maintenance ICS-LABA

STEP 4

Medium/high dose maintenance ICS-LABA

STEP 5

Add-on LAMA
Refer for assessment of phenotype. Consider high dose maintenance ICS-LABA, ± anti-IgE, anti-IL5/5R, anti-IL4Rα, anti-TSLP

RELIEVER: as-needed ICS-SABA*, or as-needed SABA

Other controller options (limited indications, or less evidence for efficacy or safety – see text)

Low dose ICS whenever SABA taken*, or daily LTRA, or add HDM SLIT

Medium dose ICS, or add LTRA, or add HDM SLIT

Add LAMA or LTRA or HDM SLIT, or switch to high dose ICS

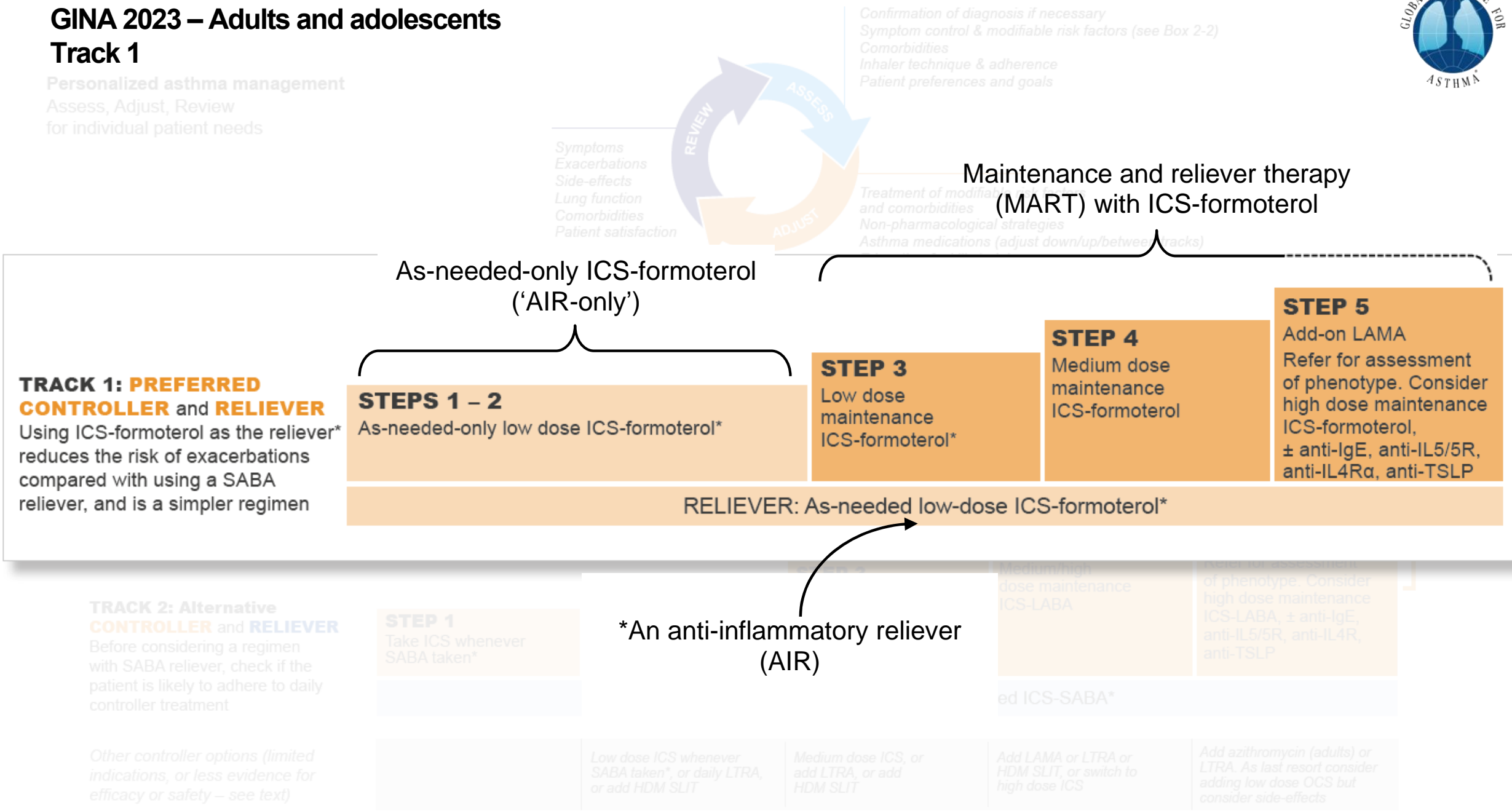
Add azithromycin (adults) or LTRA. As last resort consider adding low dose OCS but consider side-effects

*Anti-inflammatory reliever (AIR)

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Track 1

Personalized asthma management
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A little more on other options for steps 4 and 5

Step 4:

- Add on LAMA (Spiriva Respimat or Trelegy) in asthmatics not well controlled on med dose ICS-LABA
 - Modest increase in lung function and small decrease in exacerbations
- Consider SLIT if dust mite allergy and FEV-1 >70%

Step 5:

- Add on LAMA (Spiriva Respimat or Trelegy) in asthmatics not well controlled on med dose ICS-LABA
 - Modest increase in lung function and a small decrease in exacerbations
 - Anti IgE – omalizumab/Xolair for 6y+ with elevated IgE
 - Anti-IL5-mepoluzimab/Nucala for 6 y+
 - Anti-IL5R – benralizumab/Fasenra for 12y+
 - Anti-IL4- duplimab/Dupixent for 6 y +
 - Anti-TSLP* – tesepehuman/Tezspire 12 y +-
 - Broader effect- covers eosinophilic or neutrophilic asthma
 - Add on Zithromax as anti-inflammatory MWF- reduces exacerbations but increases resistance
- For TH2 type/ eosinophilic asthma

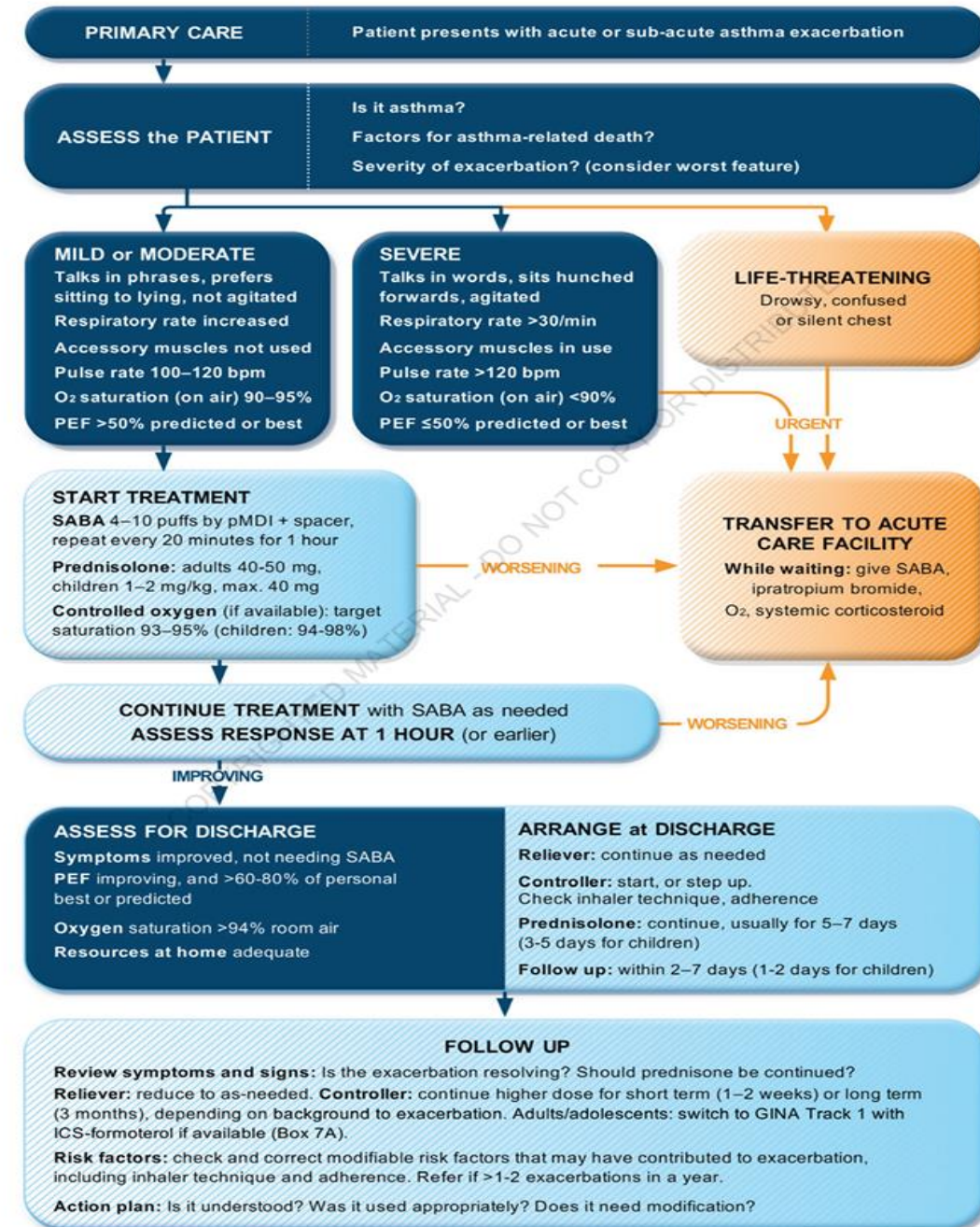
*Thymic stromal lymphopoietin



Step	Age (years)	Medication and device (check patient can use inhaler)	Metered dose (mcg/inhalation)	Delivered dose (mcg/inhalation)	Dosage
Steps 1–2 (AIR-only)					
	12–17 ≥18	Budesonide-formoterol DPI	200/6	160/4.5	1 inhalation whenever needed
Step 3 MART					
	12–17 ≥18	Budesonide-formoterol DPI	200/6	160/4.5	1 inhalation once or twice daily, PLUS 1 inhalation whenever needed
Step 4 MART					
	12–17 ≥18	Budesonide-formoterol DPI	200/6	160/4.5	2 inhalations twice daily, PLUS 1 inhalation whenever needed
Step 5 MART					
	12–17 ≥18	Budesonide-formoterol DPI	200/6	160/4.5	2 inhalations twice daily,

DPI: dry powder inhaler; pMDI: pressurized metered dose inhaler. For budesonide-formoterol pMDI with 3 mcg [2.25 mcg] formoterol, use double number of puffs

Box 11: Management of asthma exacerbations in primary care



Budesonide-formoterol: max 12 inhalations for adults, 8 inhalations for children . Based on extensive safety data

OCS are preferably taken in the morning:

- Adults: prednisone 40-50 mg for 5-7 days
- Children Prednisolone 1-2 mg/kg/day up to 40 mg for 3-5 days

Tapering not needed if OCS given < 2 weeks