

This document outlines the SPECTRA alert rationale used to trigger a message when a healthcare professional accesses the electronic record of a patient that matches the criteria. Some of the patients identified by the alerts may have severe asthma.

It is the role of the Healthcare Organisation to access the electronic record of the patients triggered by the SPECTRA alerts, to clinically review the patients and optimise their medication accordingly.

Patients with suspected severe asthma may require referral to a severe asthma centre for review and assessment, where appropriate patients may be considered for advanced therapies.









Rationale used to trigger patient alerts





Priority 1b

Cohort 1 patients who have had 2 or more issues** of systemic corticosteroids.



Priority 1c

Cohort 1 patients
who have had
6 or more issues**
of reliever inhaler.^{2,3}

The alerts triggered by the criteria for "Priority a" may also meet criteria for "Priority b" and/or "Priority c"

Those in "Priority b" may also meet the criteria for "Priority c"



Priority 2b

Cohort 2 patients
 who have had
 2 or more issues**
 of systemic
 corticosteroids¹



Priority 2c

Cohort 2 patients who have had 6 or more issues** of reliever inhaler.^{2,3}





^{*} No referral in the last 12 months or current biologic ** I

^{**} In the last 12 months





List of drugs included in Cohort 1 - High Strength ICS

Doses (puffs and frequency) of inhalers cannot be identified through clinical system searches. In order to identify Inhaled Corticosteroid devices that deliver high doses, strengths are used in the search criteria.

Strengths of ICS that can be used to deliver both medium and high doses 10 have been marked with an asterisk (*).

BECLOMETASONE

Beclometasone 200mcg dose inhaler*

Clenil Modulite pMDI 250mcg

Beclometasone 250mcg dose inhaler

Kelhale pMDI (extrafine) 100mcg*

Qvar pMDI (extrafine) 100mcg*

Qvar Autohaler (extrafine) 100mcg*

Qvar Easi-breathe (extrafine) 100mcg*

Beclometasone 100mcg breath actuated inhaler CFC free

Soprobec pMDI 250mcg

CICLESONIDE

Alvesco pMDI 160mcg*

Ciclesonide 160mcg dose inhaler*

Ciclesonide cfc-free inhaler 160mcg - 60 doses*

Ciclesonide cfc-free inhaler 160mcg - 120 doses*

FLUTICASONE

Flixotide Evohaler 250mcg

Flixotide Accuhaler 500mcg

Fluticasone propionate 500mcg dry powder inhaler

BUDESONIDE

Easyhaler (Budesonide) 400mcg

Budesonide dry powder inhaler 400mcg

Budesonide 200mcg dry powder inhalation cartridge

Budesonide 200mcg dry powder inhalation cartridge with refill

Budelin Novolizer 200mcg*

Budelin Novolizer 200mcg refill*

Pulmicort Turbohaler 400mcg*

BECLOMETASONE/FORMOTEROL

Fostair (pMDI) 200/6

Fostair (NEXThaler) 200/6

Beclometasone 200mcg /Formoterol 6mcg inhaler CFC free

Beclometasone 200mcg /Formoterol 6mcg dry powder inhaler

BUDESONIDE/FORMOTEROL

DuoResp Spiromax 320/9*

Budesonide 400mcg /Formoterol 12mcg dry powder inhaler*

Symbicort Turbohaler 400/12*

Fobumix Easyhaler 320/9*

FLUTICASONE/FORMOTEROL

Flutiform MDI 250/10

FLUTICASONE/SALMETEROL

Aerivio Spiromax 500/50

Airflusal Forspiro 500/50

AirFlusal pMDI 250/25

Aloflute pMDI 250/25

Combisal pMDI 250/25

Fusacomb Easyhaler 500/50

Sereflo pMDI 250/25

Seretide Accuhaler 500/50

Seretide Evohaler 250/25

Sirdupla pMDI 250/25

Stalpex Orbicel 500/50

Fluticasone 500mcg/ Salmeterol 50mcg inhaler CFC free

Fluticasone 250mcg/ Salmeterol 25mcg inhaler CFC free

FLUTICASONE/VILANTEROL

Relvar Ellipta 184/22

Fluticasone furoate 184mcg /Vilanterol 22mcg dry powder inhaler









List of drugs included in Cohort 2 - Other Strength ICS

This search is created by including patients on all others strengths of inhaled corticosteroids and excluding patients from Cohort 1.

Systemic corticosteroids used in the searches

Drugs in this group include all strengths of tablet, solution, suspension, suppository and injection formulations of Prednisolone:

Reliever inhalers

Drugs in this group include, all strengths of short-acting beta-2 agonist (SABA):

- Salbutamol
- Terbutaline sulfate

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