

The Respira Sano Asthma Toolkit is a tool to help clinics seeking to establish a comprehensive asthma care program. This toolkit uses best practices in asthma assessment and long-term treatment, asthma education and care coordination (also known as case-management). It is meant to be used with an asthma care team that includes pediatricians, medical assistants, nursing supervisors, asthma educators, multi-function clerks (and community health workers, also known as promotores, by referral.)



The toolkit aims to prepare clinics to use a chronic care model for the management of asthma in its patient population. Four key features of a chronic care model are: 1. Delivery system design, 2. Decision support, 3. Clinic information systems, and 4. Self-management support.

The chronic care designs the clinic’s system and workflow for asthma assessment and treatment by having the clinic adopt clear policies that acknowledge that clinicians follow national guidelines. The workflow during the asthma care visit is modified to include new members of the asthma care team. Health information technology changes are made to record the referrals to these new team members and document the results of this work in the electronic health record system. Other health information technology includes the adoption of asthma care templates that can be tailored to each individual patient’s needs. These templates

are important decision supports that help clinicians assess and record a patient's asthma severity and level of control and make decisions for the patient's care that truly build on each patient's asthma control while following national guidelines. Clinicians can use the EHR asthma template to remember what educational messages or counseling the patient/family may need to hear, what course of treatment may be most appropriate for the patient, and what behaviors and recommendations should be included in a patient/family's management plan. Posters to help educate patients on asthma control are placed in clinic exam rooms and handouts are given to patients that complement those used in the home, school or community settings. These act as additional decision supports for clinicians, asthma educators, and patients in the health care setting.

Toolkit Content

- Manual of Procedures
- Training PowerPoints
- Documentation Forms
- Continuous Quality Improvement Forms
- Patient Assessment Tools
- Teaching Aides
- Patient Handouts

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