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# Emergency Department Management of Acute Asthma Exacerbation in Childhood

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## ABSTRACT

Goal: Establish a protocol focusing on the first care of asthma exacerbation in children under 12 years old attending the emergency department of our institution, in the first four hours of initial care.

Objectives: recognize and classify the severity of asthma exacerbation; administer early treatment with the best possible level of evidence; define criteria for hospitalization and discharge; define criteria for admission to the ICU; develop discharge guidelines to avoid unnecessary returns.

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