Using an Asthma Action Plan

Sit down with your doctor to develop an Asthma Action Plan. A plan can be very helpful, especially during an asthma flare-up.

Your Asthma Action Plan Can Help You Decide:

- What medicines to take
- · When to take them
- How much to take
- When and how to get help

Your Asthma Action Plan Should Include:

- Emergency phone numbers
- Asthma flare-up information
- How to use your peak flow readings to show what peak flow zone you are in (see table at right)

Sharing Your Plan

You may want to give a copy to friends, relatives, teachers, coaches, neighbors, and babysitters so that they can help you if you have a flare-up.

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Share your Asthma Action Plan with others.

An Asthma Action Plan may use 3 color "zones" to help you decide what to do:			
GREEN ZONE	Your breathing is good. Take your green zone medicines every day to keep most asthma flare-ups from starting.		
YELLOW ZONE	You're having a flare-up. Take your yellow zone medicines to keep it from getting worse.		
RED ZONE	You're having a serious flare-up. Take your red zone medicines and get help now.		

Discuss the plan every 3 to 6 months with your doctor or nurse.

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If you have questions, please contact:

Doctor's address printed here.

