Asthma management according to BTS (British Thoracic Society) guidelines at Ealing Hospital

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Asthma is a common condition which produces a significant workload for general practice, hospital outpatient clinics and inpatient admissions. Much of this morbidity relates to poor management particularly around the use of preventative medicine. In 1999 the British Thoracic Society (BTS) and the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) agreed to jointly produce a comprehensive new asthma guideline. Between 2004 and 2012 sections within the guideline were updated annually. Subsequently, updating moved to a biennial basis, beginning with the 2014 update. The new guideline was issued in 2016. The guideline provides recommendations based on current evidence for best practice in the management of asthma.

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