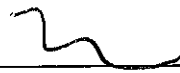


Protocol

Stock Albuterol Use in the Schools

1. Albuterol will be stocked in each school. Prescriptions will be purchased by each school individually.
2. Stock Albuterol may be administered only by trained school staff members. School nurse will be responsible for training designated staff at the discretion of school administrators.
3. The use of stock Albuterol should occur ONLY when a student with the diagnosis of asthma has forgotten their own inhaler or they use one so infrequently (\leq 2-3 times per school year) that they do not have their prescribed inhaler at school. It is not the intent of the schools to provide daily/routine meds for students with asthma, but to offer students/parents an emergency supply. If this privilege is abused the school nurse will counsel with parent/guardian about having a "back up" inhaler in the school medicine cabinet. The number of "stock inhaler uses" to be designated as abuse will be decided as a site-based decision.
4. Stock Albuterol may not be administered to any student without a confirmed diagnosis of asthma. **Written medical documentation by a health care provider of the asthma diagnosis is required.**
5. There must be a completed medication consent form signed by both the parent and the medical provider on file for Albuterol to be given without contacting the parent.
6. Designated staff members may administer Albuterol with a faxed note from the parent/guardian in an emergency situation for a student with a previous, documented diagnosis of asthma.
7. Designated staff members will demonstrate correct technique for Open Air Administration or will use paper or disposable spacer to reduce chance of contamination of metered dose inhaler.
8. The puffs should always be administered by the nurse/designated staff person. After use, the inhaler should be cleaned well with soap and water, then alcohol and air-dried.

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