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International comparison of the quality of severe asthma care: An overview

The unmet need in severe asthma

Advances in science have led to a much-improved understanding of severe asthma as a distinct condition, as well as its causes and management options. However, health care

Recommendations

There is an urgent need for policy-makers to enable better data collection on severe asthma on a systematic and consistent basis to drive performance assessment.

To do this, policy-makers must:

Build strong technical infrastructure

to collect meaningful data and information on treatment and care

Design a system with **effective communication and management** to prompt the regular collection of data

Identify and measure appropriate metrics and targets for disease-specific indicators

Redefine the key goals of severe asthma management and care to prompt referral to specialist care and **minimise adverse effects of treatments**

Perform regular and systematic assessments of asthma management, and care delivery to improve outcomes for people living with severe asthma

Involve people living with severe asthma, physicians and other stakeholders in the assessment of care delivery to ensure requirements and experiences are reflected

Without **tangible and joined up national action underpinned by global collaborative efforts and political will to drive change** and review performance on a wider scale,

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