

DETECTABILITY OF ASTHMA – CRITICAL MISSION OF GENERAL PRACTITIONER DURING AMBULANT THERAPY

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Summary. *Unfortunately, in Ukraine detectability of asthma remains low, this situation entails a delayed and inadequate treatment of this disease. For timely diagnosis of asthma general practitioners have should keep in mind the fact that the disease does not necessarily proceeds with clearly defined choking fits. The debut of asthma may be manifested with long hacking cough at night, with appearance of wheezing during physical exercises, etc. Spirometric research and broncholytic test must be conducted for patients with these symptoms. There are good reasons to begin treatment with a combination of long-acting β_2 -agonist and inhalant glucocorticosteroids depending on the external respiration dysfunction and response to short-acting bronchial spasmolytics. Experience shows that it speeds up the achievement of asthma control and improve patients' adherence to prescribed therapy.*

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