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What medications treat and manage asthma during pregnancy? Most people with asthma take at least two medications: one for long-term prevention and control of asthma symptoms and one for quick recovery in the event of an attack. Long-term medications are taken daily, even if there are no symptoms. During pregnancy, inhaled corticosteroids are the basis for long-term control. Long-term medications are sometimes combined into single drugs such as an inhalation steroid and a long-acting beta agonist. Rescue drugs are taken only when symptoms appear. Inhaling short-acting beta agonists is usually the first choice for quick relief of symptoms. Control and preventive treatment

Volutial corticosteroids: Corticosteroids prevent symptoms by preventing swelling and mucus secretions that go along with inflammation. They help prevent severe asthma attacks. They are the most popular long-acting asthma drugs for pregnant women because they work well and are considered safe in pregnancy. They cause several side effects. Examples include budesonide (Pulmicourt) and beclomethazone (Vanzeril, Beclotent and swar). Leukotrien inhibitors: These drugs work by blocking a substance that is produced by cells in the body (leukotriene), which causes swelling and respiratory cramps. These drugs are considered safe during pregnancy, but in general they do not work for many people as inhaled steroids. Examples include Singulair, zaflurkast (Accolate) and zileuton. Long acting beta agonist inhalers: These medications are often used in conjunction with inhaled steroids for severe or nightly symptoms. They are also used to prevent exercise-induced asthma. Because their action is delayed, they are not used for life-saving treatment (see the brief action of the beta agonists below). Examples of long-acting beta agonists include salmeterol (Serevent) and Formoterol (Foradil). Methylxanthins: These medications relax the walls of the airways. They have been associated with preterm birth, but in general they are considered safe during pregnancy. They are not used as much as other long term medications because they do not work for many people. The most widely used example is theophylline (Slo-bid, Uniphy). Because pregnancy can change the concentration of this medication in the blood, checking theophylline levels may be required even if you take it earlier. Others: These medications prevent swelling in the airways. They are mainly used to prevent attacks caused by exercise, cold air or allergies. They are considered safe during pregnancy, but they don't work in as many people as other long term Control. Examples include cromolin (Intal) and nedocromil (Tilade). Life-saving drugs-acting beta-agonist inhalers: These inhalation drugs rapidly expand the airways, relieving tightness, wheezing, and shortness of breath. They are relatively safe in because only small amounts are absorbed into the bloodstream. These drugs usually have little negative effects on the fetus. An example would be albuterol (Proventicville, Ventolin). Oral corticosteroids (taken as pills): These medications are only taken for a short time until other medications start working and asthma is controlled. Their use during pregnancy is controversial, but most evidence points to them being safe. While there may be a very small risk of cleft lip or palate when used during the first trimester, a severe asthma attack in the mother can put the life of the fetus at risk. Examples include prednisone (Deltazone) and methylprednisolone (Medrol). Anticholinergic agents: In an inhaled form, these drugs are used in addition to the beta agonist (or instead of beta agonist in people who cannot take beta agonists) to relieve severe symptoms. An example would be bromide andpratropy (Atrovent, Combivent). What is asthma? Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease in the lungs. The actual cause of asthma is not known. Asthma experts believe that a combination of genetic and environmental factors can cause asthma or at least increase sensitivity to asthma triggers. These factors include: Family history of viral infection with allergen exposureliving in urban settings is often associated with asthma. But not all people with allergies suffer from asthma. Doctors have identified two main conditions that cause asthma symptoms: inflammation and narrowing of the airways. InflammationC asthma, internal airway walls are swollen, or inflamed. This inflammation makes the airways particularly sensitive to irritants and asthma triggers. The tumor narrows the airways, making it difficult for air to pass through the airways. This makes it difficult to breathe normally. Narrowing of the airways When the airways come into contact with certain asthma triggers, the muscles around the airways are tightened. This causes the air passages to become even narrower. It also makes you have a tight feeling in your chest. Some say it feels like a rope is being tightened around the chest. Mucus can get lodged in narrowed airways, causing more breathing problems. Triggers that cause inflammation and narrowing of the airways can vary from patient to patient. Understanding triggers is essential for managing asthma. Common asthma triggers include: pollen, dust, mold, pet hair and dander, changes in the weather, especially cold air, respiratory infections such as colds and strong emotions and alcohol reactions to food or sulphites of food preservatives, heartburn / acid reflux, certain medications such as aspirin or beta

Help figure out your triggers and then come up with strategies to avoid them. There are a number of factors thought to increase the risk of developing asthma. Asthma. include the following. Family history

If one of your parents has asthma, then you have a greater risk of developing it. Sex and age are more common in children than in adults. Boys are more likely to develop asthma than girls. The risks are equal for men and women for adults ingling out of asthma. Allergy Sensitivity to allergens is often an accurate predictor of your potential for asthma. These allergens often include: dust, pet dander, mold, toxic chemicals

Allergyn can cause asthma attacks after developing asthma. Smoking Cigarette Smoke irritates the airways. Smokers have a high risk of developing asthma. Those whose mothers smoked during pregnancy or who were exposed to secondhand smoke are also more likely to suffer from asthma. Air pollution

is a major component of smog, or ozone. Constant exposure to air pollution increases the risk of asthma. Those who have grown up or live in urban areas have a higher risk of developing asthma. Obese children and adults who are overweight or obese are at greater risk of asthma. Although the causes are unclear, some experts point to low-grade inflammation in the body, which occurs with extra weight. Viral respiratory infections

Respirator problems in infancy and childhood can cause wheezing. Some children who experience viral respiratory infections go on to have chronic asthma. Asthma is a chronic respiratory disease in the lungs. His cause is unknown. Experts believe that this is due to a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Triggers cause inflammation and narrowing of the airways that characterize asthma. Understanding triggers is essential for asthma management. 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But there is one thing in particular that your doctor is more likely to warn you over and over again: exacerbation of asthma. You're probably more familiar with what it is than you think. Asthma exacerbation is the same as an asthma attack, Raymond Casciari, M.D., a pulmonologist with St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange, California, tells SELF. Doctors tend to say aggravation, but the public understands the word attack better. Whatever you call it, it's not something you want to experience. Aggravation of asthma (or attack) is mainly when your respiratory system completely loses coolness and makes it tough for you to breathe. See, asthma screws with airways that go from the nose and mouth to the lungs, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). When you are exposed to triggers like animal fur, pollen, dust, mold, exercise, and respiratory infections, your airways may begin to shut down and limit airflow. Right on the signal, the muscles surrounding the airways can shrink, too. This domino effect can also cause the airways to shoot down more mucus than usual. The end result? Aggravation of asthma. Aggravation of asthma can cause symptoms such as severe shortness of breath, cough, wheezing, and chest tightness or pain, nhlbi says. If you use a peak flow meter (a portable device that quantifies how hard you exhale), peak flow readings are likely to be on the underside, the Mayo Clinic says, which means your airways are unable to run at full capacity. Also, if you have asthma aggravation, your symptoms may not recede sufficiently when you use medication as a short acting beta antagonist you can inhale to open your airways. You may have a slight asthma aggravation with symptoms that are better with quick treatment at home or severe aggravation, which is life-threatening and requires a trip to the emergency room, according to the Mayo Clinic. In any case, the exact combination of signs and symptoms of asthma exacerbation can range from the to the man. That's why it's really important to work with your doctor to identify your personal red flags your asthma becomes dangerous. There are a few things you can do to reduce the chances of you having an asthma aggravation. The first and probably most important thing is to come up with what is known as an asthma action plan with a doctor, Dr. Casciari says. It's a written document that will outline the steps you need to take to keep asthma under control, how to use certain medications often, and how to activate it if your symptoms start to spiral, the American Lung Association says. An asthma action plan can also offer direct guidance on when your symptoms are so bad that you should call your doctor or go straight to the ER. Knowing your triggers and doing what you can to avoid them can also go a long way to preventing asthma exacerbation, Purvi Parikh, M.D., an allergist/immunologist with the Allergy and Asthma Network and NYU Langone Health, tells SELF. This can be very difficult to do, especially if your triggers are seemingly ubiquitous, like dust or pollen. Even then, there are ways to take control. Check how to get rid of as much dust in your home as possible, along with how pollen proof of your place. Place.

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