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Asthma: Understanding and Managing the Condition

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Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition that affects the airways in the lungs. In people with asthma, the airways become inflamed and narrowed, making it difficult to breathe. Asthma can affect people of all ages and, while it cannot be cured, it can be effectively managed with proper treatment and self-care.

Common asthma symptoms include wheezing, coughing, shortness of breath, and chest tightness. Symptoms may occur daily or be triggered by factors such as dust, smoke, pollen, respiratory infections, exercise, weather changes, or strong odors. Proper asthma management includes taking prescribed medications, avoiding known triggers, and attending regular medical check-ups. Quick-relief inhalers can help during asthma attacks, while preventive medications help control inflammation and reduce symptoms over time.

TIPS FOR LIVING WELL WITH ASTHMA

- Take medications as prescribed.
- Avoid known triggers.
- Carry a rescue inhaler if advised by your healthcare provider.
- Follow your asthma action plan.
- Attend regular medical reviews.
- Maintain a healthy lifestyle and stay physically active as recommended.

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With proper treatment and self-management, most people with asthma can lead active and healthy lives. Understanding your triggers, taking medications as prescribed, and seeking timely medical care can help prevent asthma attacks and improve quality of life.

·Take control of your asthma today. Effective management leads to better breathing and a healthier future.