## **ASTHMA**

**AWARENESS**: Best Information comes for the www.allergyasthmaNetwork.org

## **Putting Together Your Health Care System**

Selecting a doctor with experience in treating asthma
Making sure the doctor is available if you need them or have coverage
Asking to see a specialist if your asthma is not well controlled
Checking your insurance to make sure your medication is covered
Be prepared to ask questions

## **Questions to Ask Your Doctor**

Do you or your child have asthma?

Do I have asthma if I am coughing or wheezing?

Could this be any other problem?

What type of asthma do I have?

Will I have it forever?

What test do I need to know if I have it?

How will it be managed?

How will you treat this?
What trigger should I avoid?
What medicines do I need to take and for how long?
Checking your insurance to make certain the doctor is on the panel How will the medicines make me feel?
How will I know if its controlled?
When is my next appointment?

## WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

Are you going try to reduce the exposure to triggers like dust and mold? Will you take the medications as prescribed?

Do you have a way to measure your control like the Act Test?

Will you make your follow-up appointments?

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