



Dear Hirsch Pediatrics Family,

First, I want to thank you for entrusting us with your child's healthcare. Our number one goal at Hirsch Pediatrics is to ensure that every child receives the highest quality healthcare every day. To that end, we are excited to announce a new **Asthma Quality Initiative (QI)** that we are launching in collaboration with Children's National Health System. The goal of this QI is twofold:

- 1) To identify and track all children in Hirsch Pediatrics with a history of asthma or recurrent wheezing, and
- 2) to optimize your child's care through the use of "best practices" described by Children's National.

We have identified your child as having a history of using medications for asthma or recurrent wheezing and therefore chose your child as an excellent candidate for an "asthma team appointment" at Hirsch Pediatrics. Due to the complexity of quality asthma management and the dedicated time needed for this appointment, this appointment is separate from a routine check-up. This appointment will last 20-30 minutes and include the following:

- screening tool to formally assess your child's asthma severity
- creation of a personalized "asthma action plan" to guide home and child-care self-management
- in-depth discussion and videos regarding asthma symptoms and triggers
- hands-on demonstration of proper technique for using an inhaler with spacer

To get started, please log in to your CHADIS account and select "asthma/wheezing" appointment. You will see two brief questionnaires that will take less than 5 minutes to complete. **PLEASE COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND SUBMIT THEM TO US NOW.** Once we have received your completed questionnaires, we will contact you to schedule an appointment on your preferred date. We have reserved special extended appointment times at 8:30, 12:30, and 4:30.

To prepare for this appointment, please bring all of your current asthma medications and inhalers with spacers. If you do not have a spacer, one will be provided to you at the appointment. We have also extensive resources on the [ASTHMA QUALITY INITIAIVE](#) page of our website (under the "Office Visits" section) with important documents and videos.

We know how important your child's successful healthcare is, and we thank you in advance for your time and cooperation in scheduling this important appointment. Feel free to send us a message or call us if you have any questions or need assistance with the asthma questionnaires.

Sincerely,

*Steven Hirsch*

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