

POAC Paediatric Asthma Algorithm

This Algorithm gives guidance as to when it is appropriate to use POAC to fund management of paediatric asthma.

For full information on the management of paediatric asthma see the Auckland Regional Clinical pathway for Paediatric Asthma.

ASTHMA SEVERITY SCORE	
Assess:	Score:
Wheeze (a very tight chest may not wheeze at all due to poor air entry – “silent chest”):	
None	0
Expiratory (by auscultation)	1
Expiratory and inspiratory	2
Heard without stethoscope	3
Accessory muscle use or indrawing:	
None	0
Mild	1
Moderate	2
Severe	3
TOTAL:	

