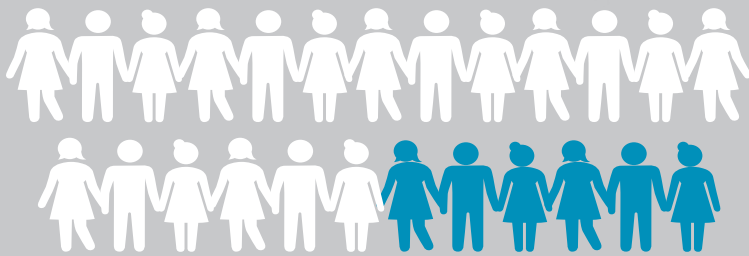


Scope and Impact of The Asthma Epidemic

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Asthma prevalence in U.S.



Nearly **3,200** deaths each year

Without an allergist, patients receive substandard care

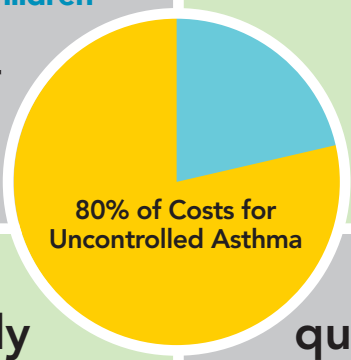
9.8 million physician and hospital outpatient department visits

1.8 million emergency department visits

14.2 million lost work days

10.5 million lost school days

189,000 hospitalizations, including **80,000** for children



Without an allergist, care is needlessly costly

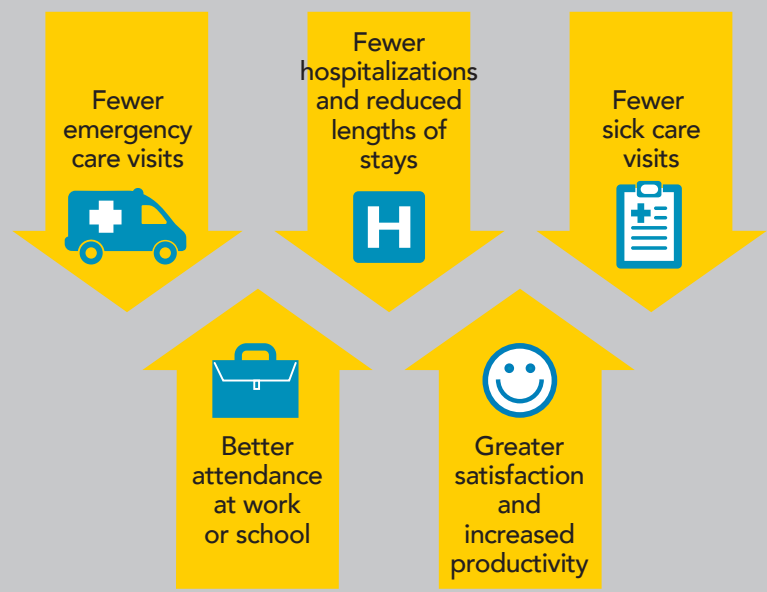
\$3,266 Direct cost per person per year

\$82 billion Total annual cost



4x more costly for severe, uncontrolled asthma than mild asthma.

Allergists improve quality, reduce costs



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