Scope and Impact of The Asthma Epidemic

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Asthma prevalence at all-time high

- 26 million people
- 7 million children
- 3,400 people die each year

Patients receive substandard care

- More than 15.3 million physician and hospital outpatient department visits
- 1.75 million emergency department visits
- 14.2 million lost work days
- 10.5 million lost school days
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Asthma care is needlessly costly

- $3,259 Direct cost per person per year
- $56 billion Total annual cost

Highest Treatment Costs for Uncontrolled Asthma

- Uncontrolled: $14,212
- Controlled: $6,452

Allergists improve quality, reduce costs

- Fewer emergency care visits
- Fewer hospitalizations and reduced lengths of stays
- Fewer sick care visits
- Better attendance at work or school
- Greater satisfaction and increased productivity

5x more costly for severe, uncontrolled asthma than mild asthma.

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