



# **Behandeling van Astma:** **update GINA 2021 richtlijnen**

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## S. B., jongen, 16 jaar; 09/09/2021



- Allergisch astma (HSM, kat)
- Flixotide gestopt (op eigen houtje)
- 5 puffers (pMDI) van **SABA** Ventolin in 7 weken tijd!

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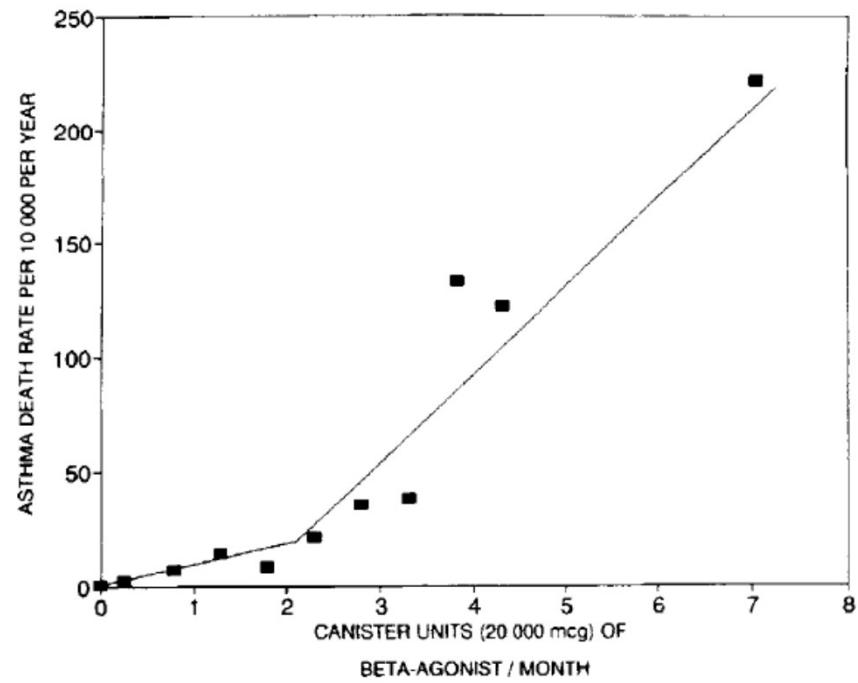
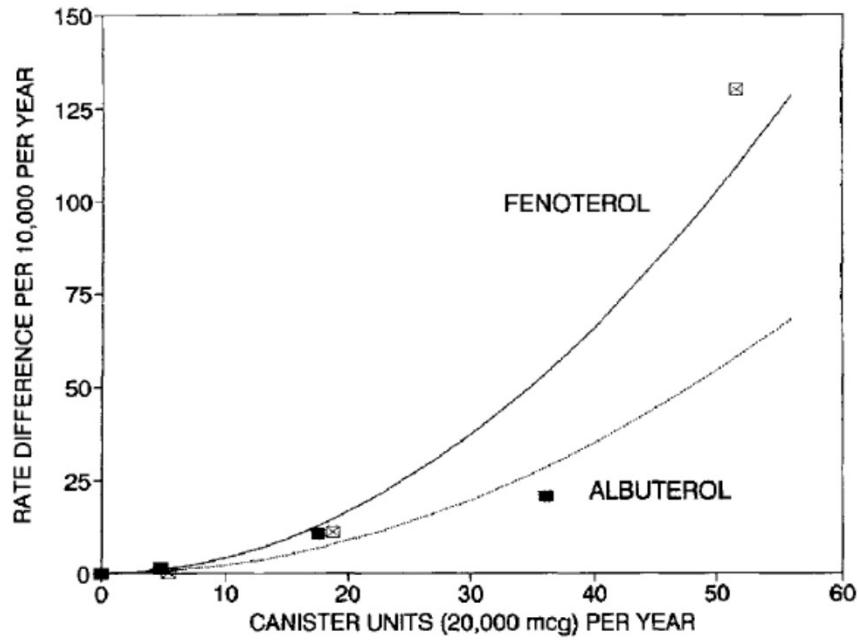
- Extubatie op 12/09
- Transfer van IZ naar pneumo op 14/09
- Ontslag naar huis op 16/09 (normale longfunctie)
- Behandeling bij ontslag uit UZ Gent:

Symbicort **MART**:

**Maintenance and Anti-inflammatory Reliever  
Therapie met Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol):**

2x daags 2 puffs *plus* 1 à 2 puffs extra zo nodig,  
als kortademig.

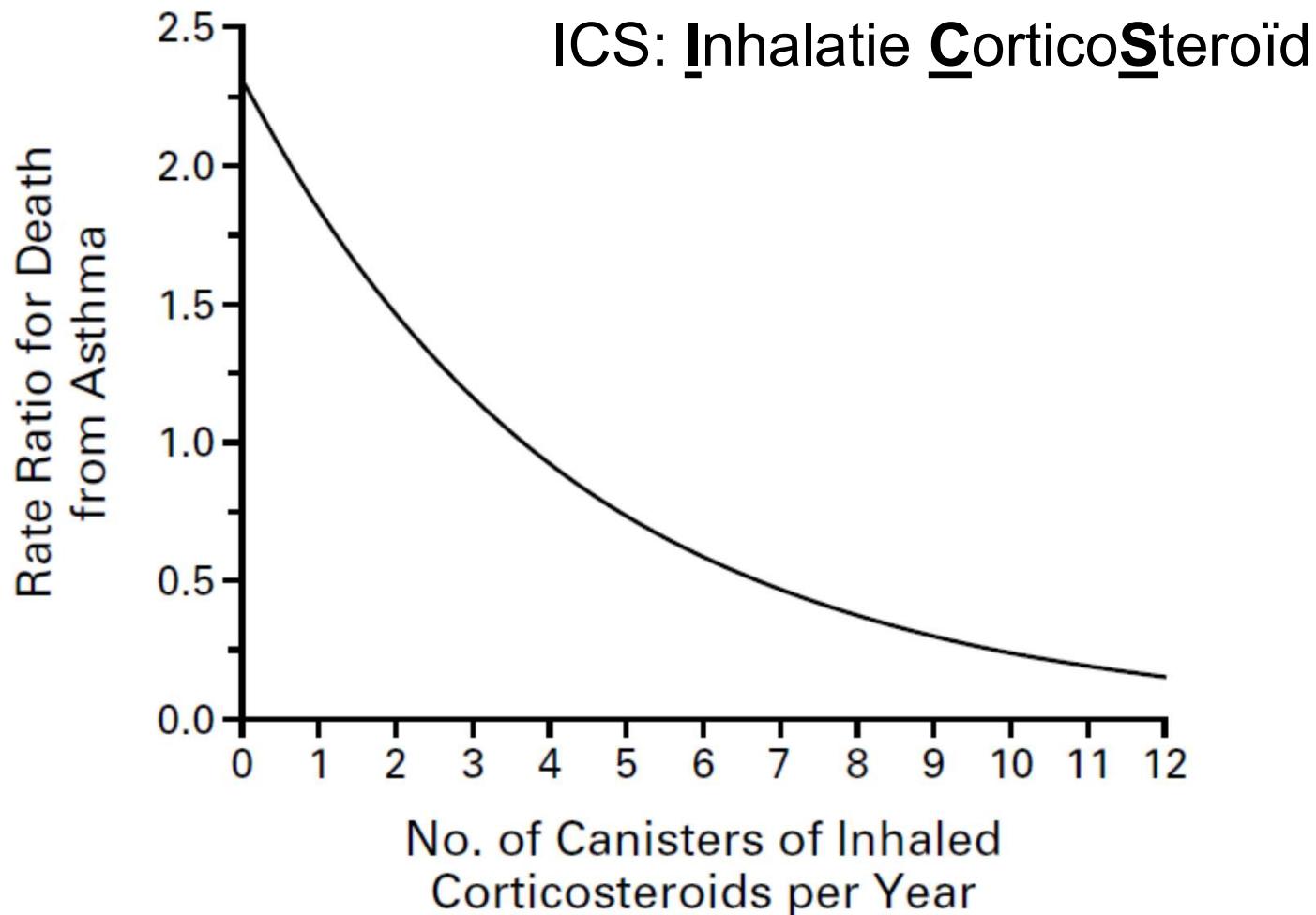
# Increased use of inhaled SABA and excess risk of asthma death



SABA: Short-Acting Beta<sub>2</sub>-Agonist: e.g. salbutamol (Ventolin)

Suissa S. et al, AJRCCM 1994.

# Regular use of ICS is associated with a decreased risk of death from asthma

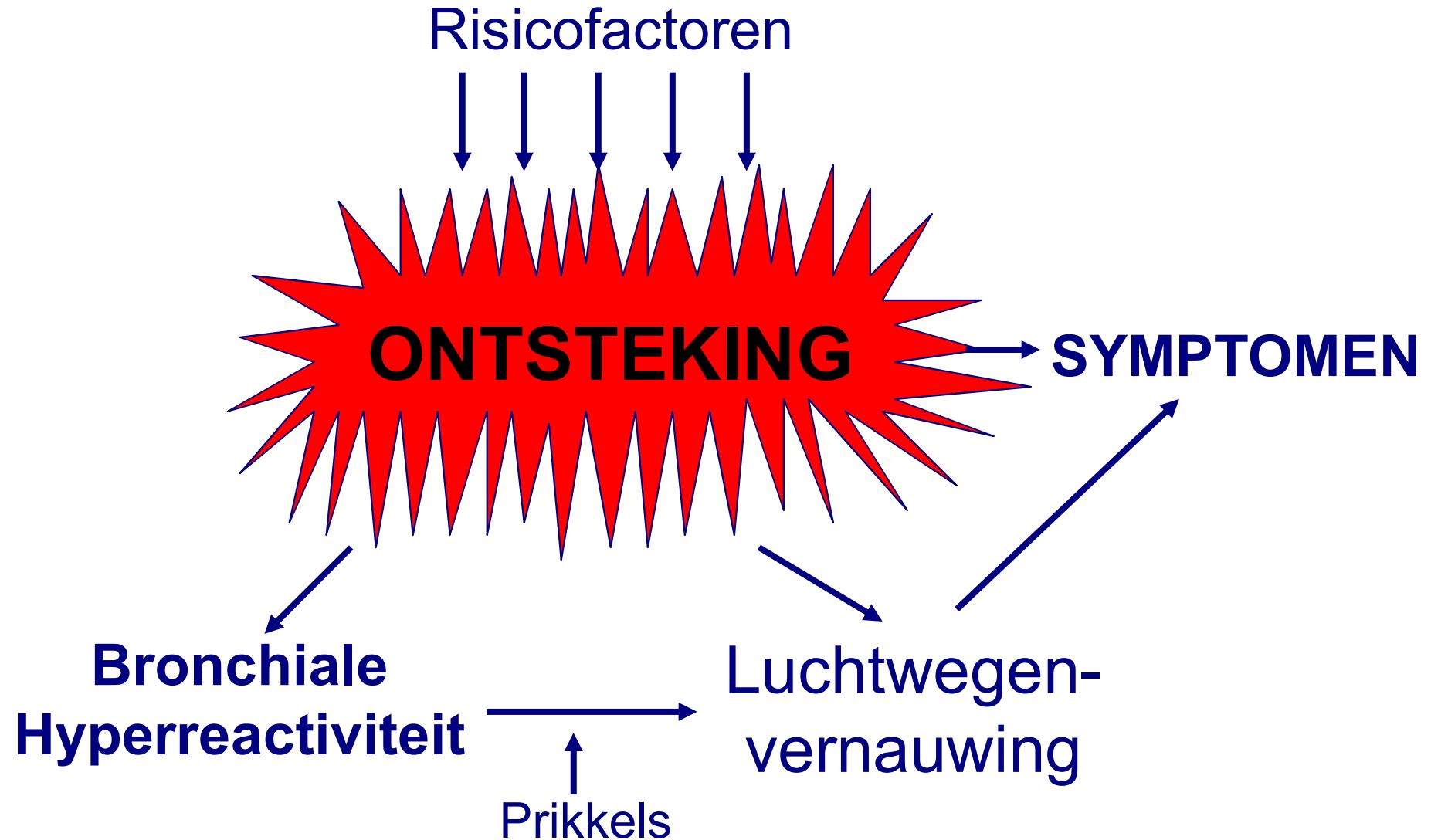


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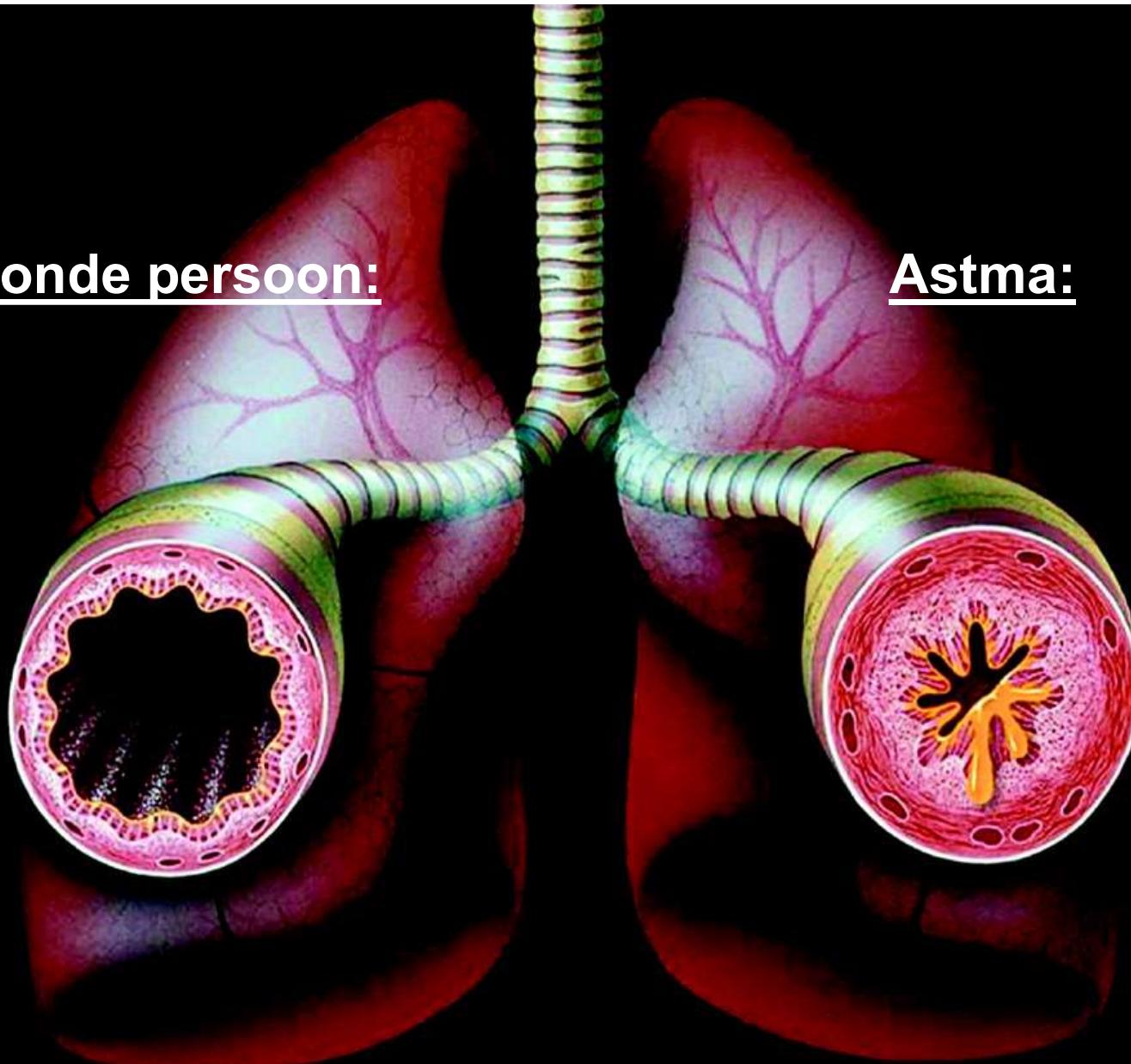
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# Definitie van astma



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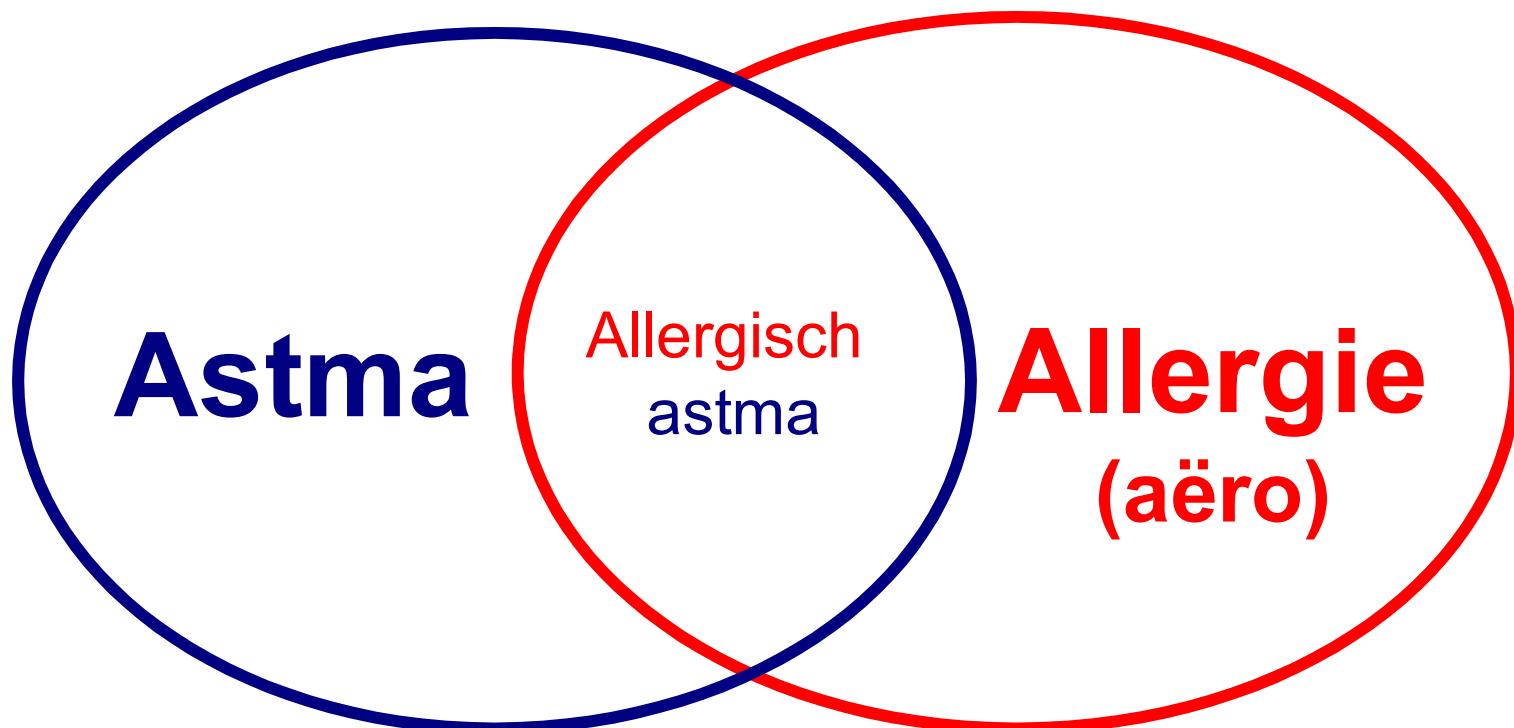
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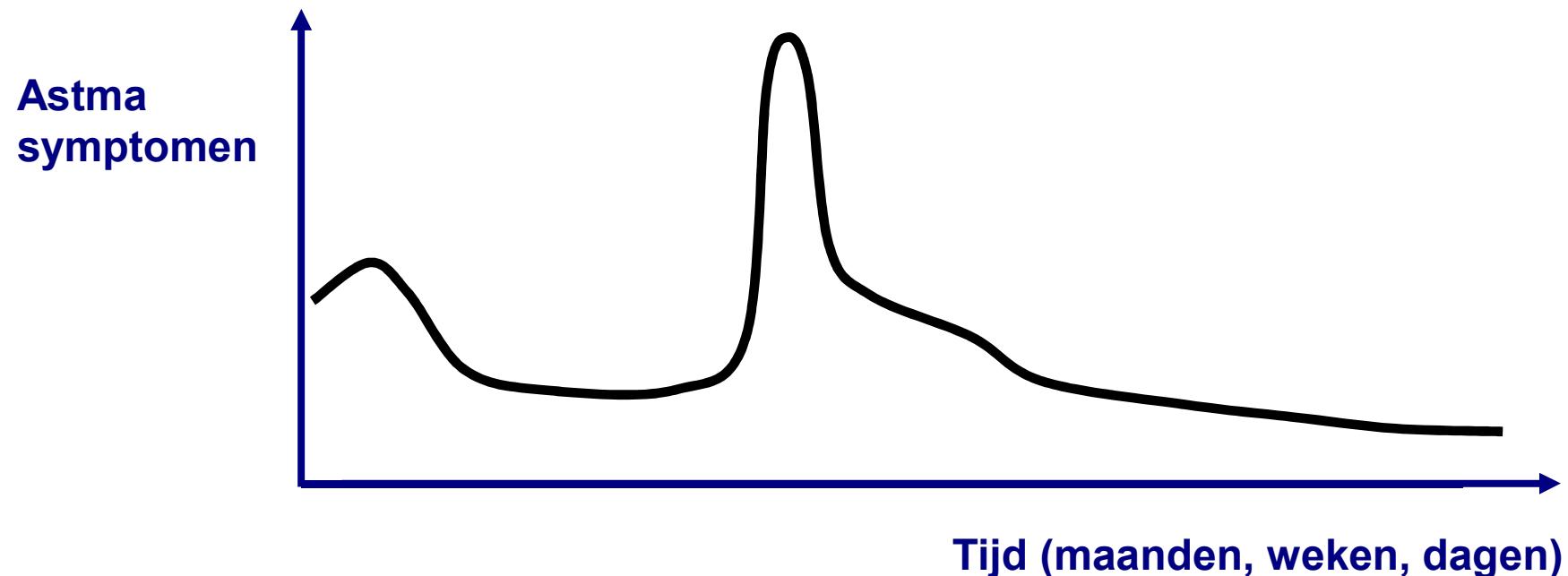
# **Diagnose van astma**

- Anamnese (BHR)
- Klinisch Onderzoek
- Longfunctie:
  - aantonen van reversibele luchtwegenvernauwing
  - aantonen van bronchiale hyperreactiviteit (BHR)
- Allergietesten
- Bloedonderzoek: eosinofilie, serum IgE
- FeNO

# Astma en Allergie



# **Astma is een variabele aandoening**



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# Inhalatie CorticoSteroiden (ICS)

<u>ICS</u> Beclometason	<u>Merknaam</u> Qvar ®	<u>Inhalator</u> Dosisaërosol Autohaler	<u>Dosis</u> 50 µg 100 µg	<u>Dosering</u> 2x 2x
Budesonide	Pulmicort ®	<i>Turbohaler</i>	200 µg	2x
	Miflonide ®	<i>Aerolizer</i>	200 µg	2x
	Budesonide	<i>Easyhaler</i>	200 µg	2x
	Budesonide	<i>Novolizer</i>	200 µg	2x
Fluticason propionaat	Flixotide ®	<i>Diskus</i>	100 µg	2x
			250 µg	2x
			500 µg	2x
		<i>Dosisaërosol</i>	50 µg	2x
		<i>pMDI</i>	250 µg	2x
Fluticason furoaat		<i>Ellipta</i>	92 µg	1x
			184 µg	1x

## DroogPoederInhalatoren (DPI):

*Aerolizer, Diskus, Ellipta, Easyhaler, Novolizer, Turbohaler.*

## **Beta2-agonisten (BA): short-acting (SABA); long-acting (LABA)**

	Merknaam	Inhalator	Dosis	Dosering
<b><u>SABA: NOOIT als enige behandeling bij astma!</u></b>				
Salbutamol	Ventolin ®	dosisaërosol	100 µg	zo nodig
Fenoterol	Berotec ®	dosisaërosol	100 µg	zo nodig

## **LABA: NOOIT als enige behandeling bij astma!**

Formoterol	Foradil ® Formoterol Oxis ®	Aerolizer Novolizer Turbohaler	12 µg 12 µg 6 of 12 µg	2x 2x 2x
Salmeterol	Serevent ®	Dosisaërosol Diskus	25 µg 50 µg	2x 2 puffs 2x 1 inhalatie
Indacaterol	Onbrez ®	Breezhaler	150 µg 300 µg	1x 1 capsule 1x 1 capsule

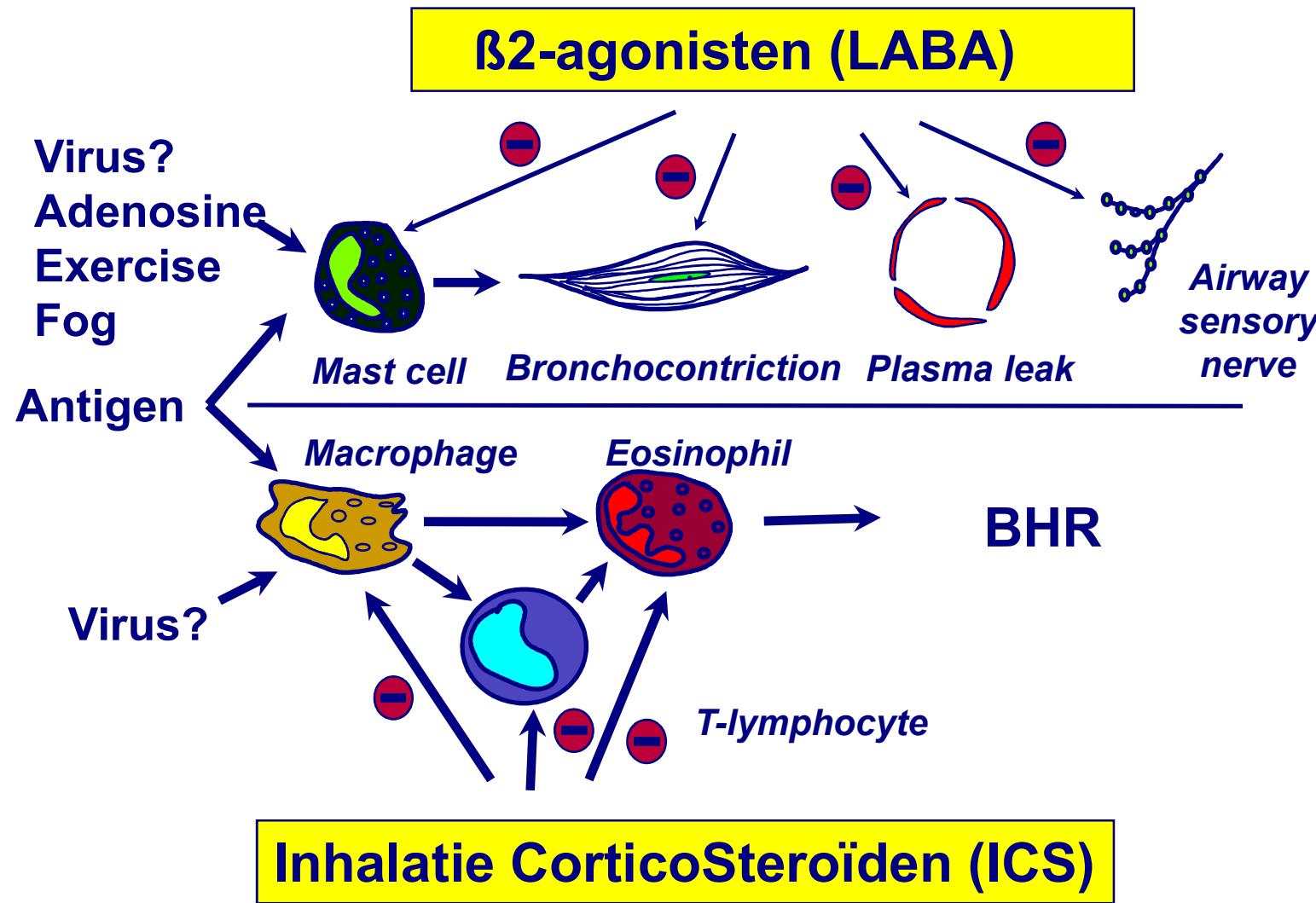
**Indicatie (SABA): reliever use (as needed): “hoe minder, hoe liever”**

**Indicatie (LABA): COPD!; NOOIT als monotherapie bij astma!**

# LABA + ICS vaste combinaties

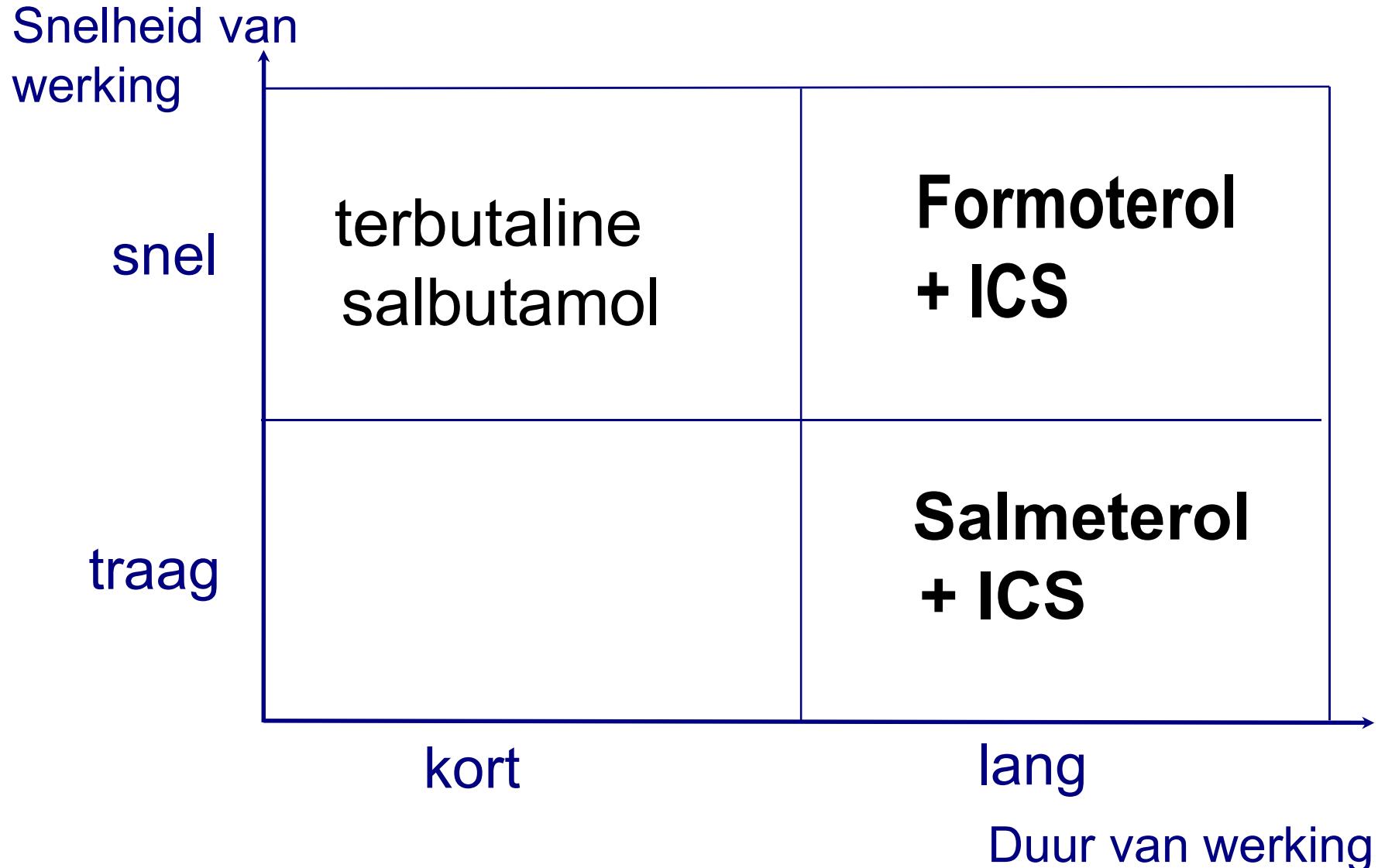
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<u>Fluticason</u>	Formoterol	Flutiform ®	Dosisaërosol	<u>50/5</u> <u>125/5</u> <u>250/10</u>	2x 2 puffs
<u>Budesonide</u>	Formoterol	Symbicort ® Symbicort Forte Bufomix ®	<i>Turbohaler</i>  <i>Easyhaler</i>	<u>160/4,5</u> <u>320/9</u> <u>200/6</u>	2x 1 à 2 inh. 2x 1 inhalatie
<u>Beclometason</u>	Formoterol	Inuvair ®	Dosisaërosol  <i>Nexthaler</i>	<u>100/6</u> <u>100/6</u>	2x 1 à 2 puffs 2x 1 à 2 inh.
<u>Fluticason furoaat</u>	Vilanterol	Relvar ®	<i>Ellipta</i>	<u>92/22</u> <u>184/22</u>	1x 1 inhalatie 1x 1 inhalatie
<u>Fluticason</u>	Salmeterol	Airflusal ®	Dosisaërosol  <i>Forspiro DPI</i>	<u>125/25</u> <u>250/50</u> <u>500/50</u>	2x 1 à 2 puffs 2x 1 inh. 2x 1 inh.

# Vaste combinatie van LABA + ICS



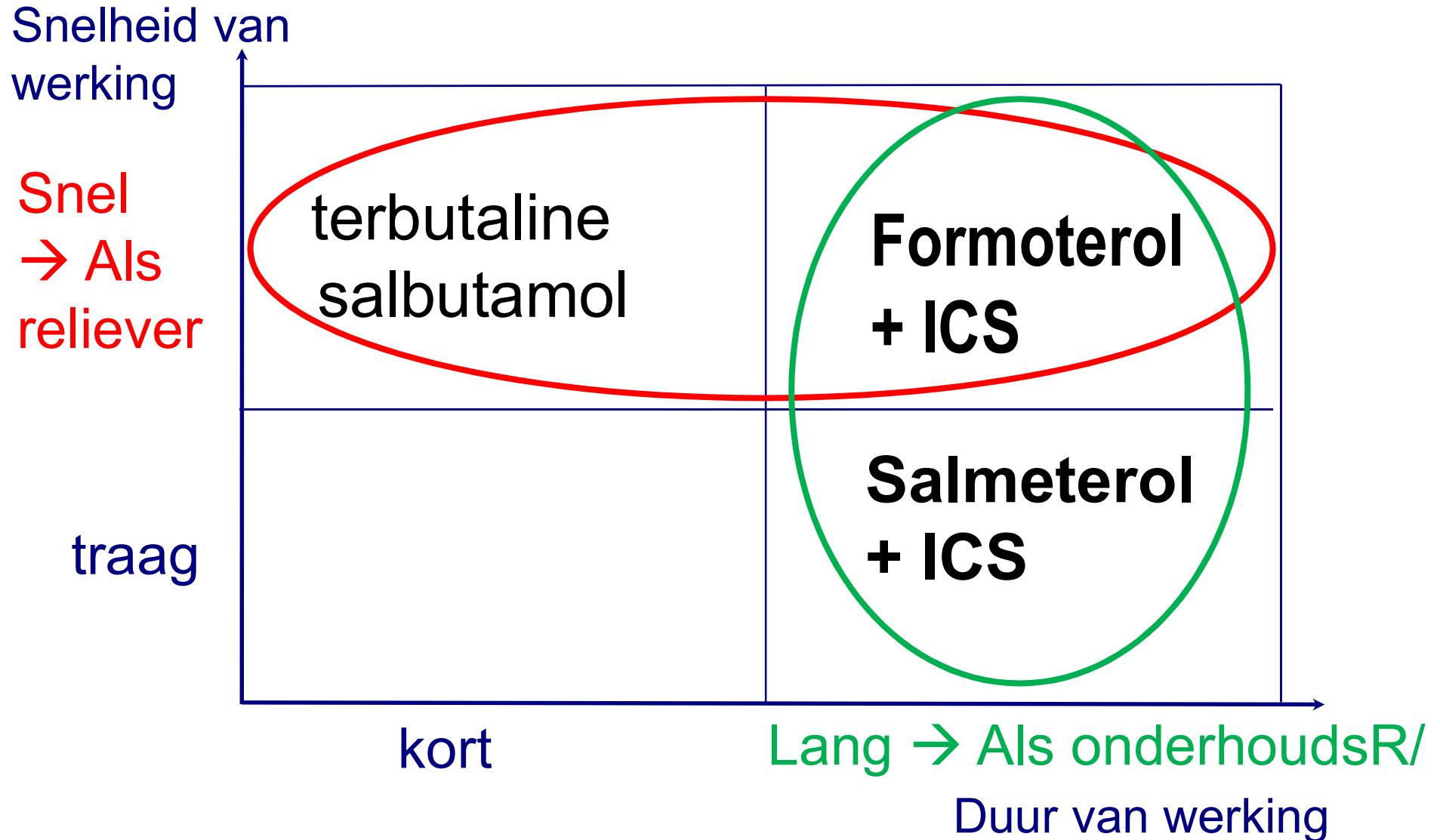
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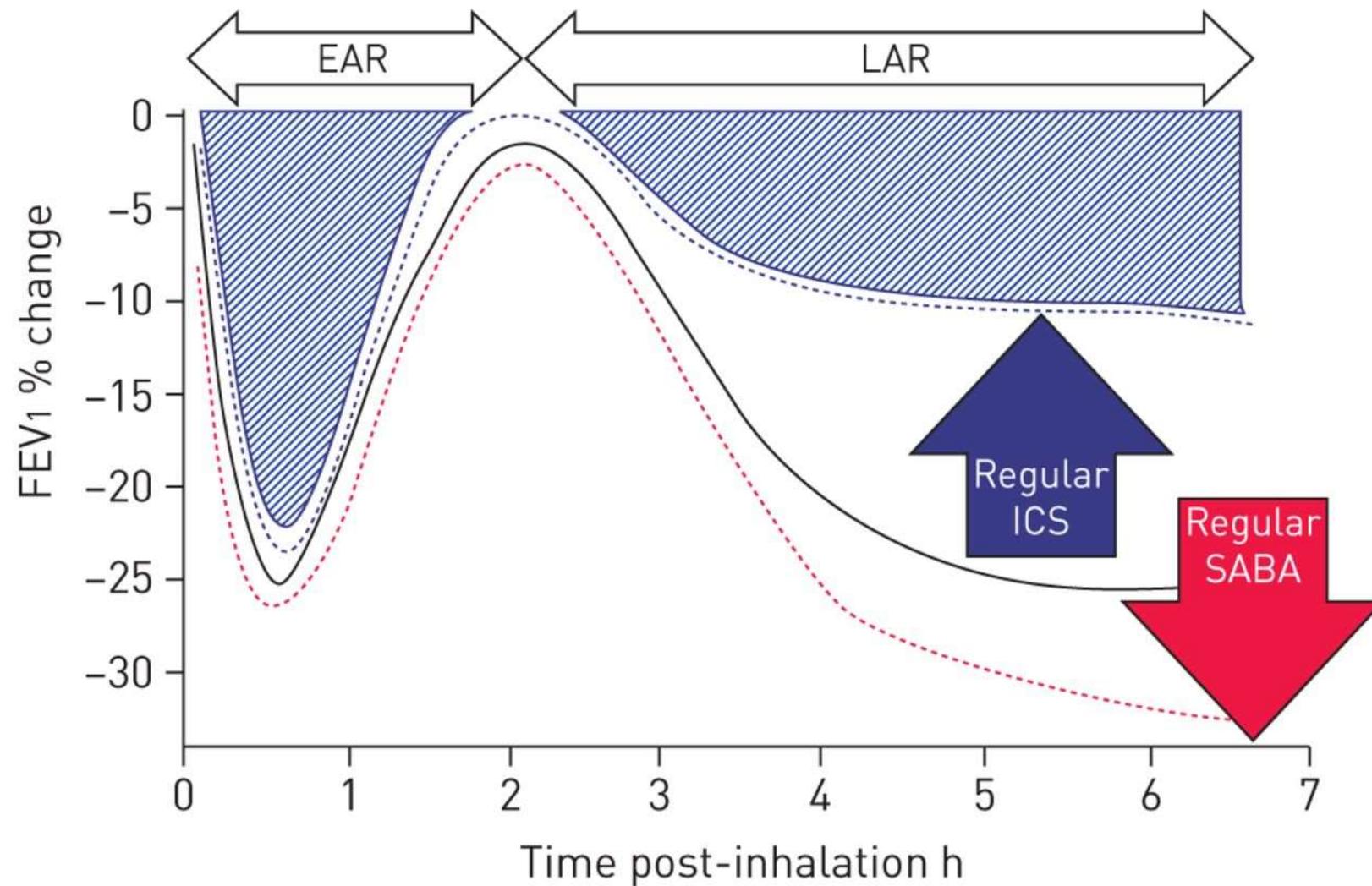
Asthma Management and Prevention Program

# Goals of Long-term Management

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1. Achieve and maintain control of symptoms
2. Maintain normal activity levels, including exercise
3. Maintain pulmonary function as close to normal levels as possible
- 4. Prevent asthma exacerbations**
- 5. Prevent asthma mortality**
6. Avoid adverse effects from asthma medications

# Allergen-induced airway responses



G. Gauvreau et al, Eur Respir J 2015.

# GINA 2019: a fundamental change in asthma management

Treatment of asthma with short-acting bronchodilators alone is no longer recommended for adults and adolescents

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GINA no longer recommends treating adults/adolescents with asthma with short-acting bronchodilators alone. Instead, they should receive symptom-driven (in mild asthma) or a daily corticosteroid-containing inhaler, to reduce risk of severe exacerbations. <http://bit.ly/310LLzE>

H. Reddel et al, ERJ 2019.

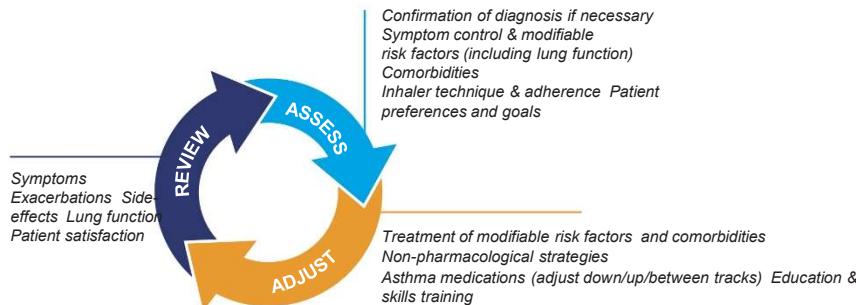
# GINA 2021: Management van astma



## Adults & adolescents 12+ years

### Personalized asthma management

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#### CONTROLLER and PREFERRED RELIEVER

(Track 1). Using ICS-formoterol as reliever reduces the risk of exacerbations compared with using a SABA reliever

#### STEPS 1 – 2

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Add-on LAMA  
Refer for phenotypic assessment ± anti-IgE, anti-IL5/5R, anti-IL4R  
Consider high dose ICS-formoterol

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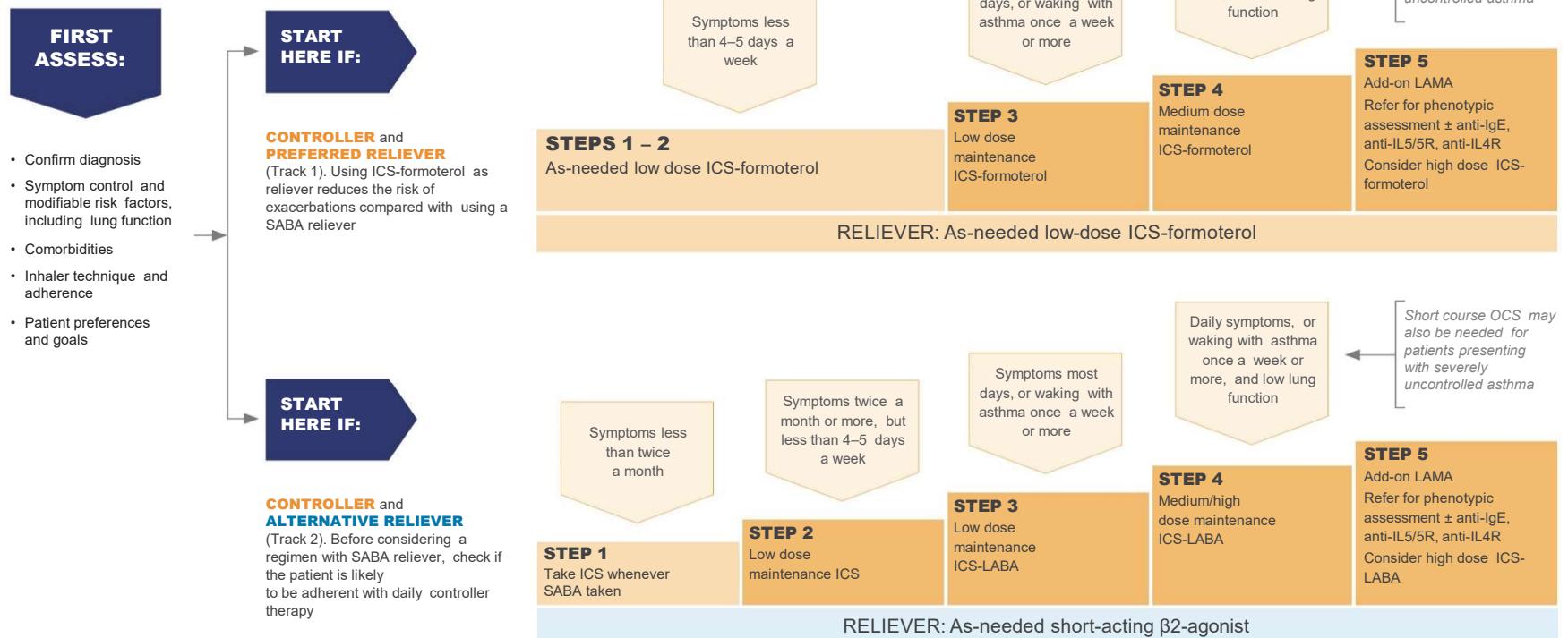
Add azithromycin (adults) or LTRA; add low dose OCS but consider side-effects

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## STARTING TREATMENT

in adults and adolescents with a diagnosis of asthma

*Track 1 is preferred if the patient is likely to be poorly adherent with daily controller ICS-containing therapy is recommended even if symptoms are infrequent, as it reduces the risk of severe exacerbations and need for OCS.*



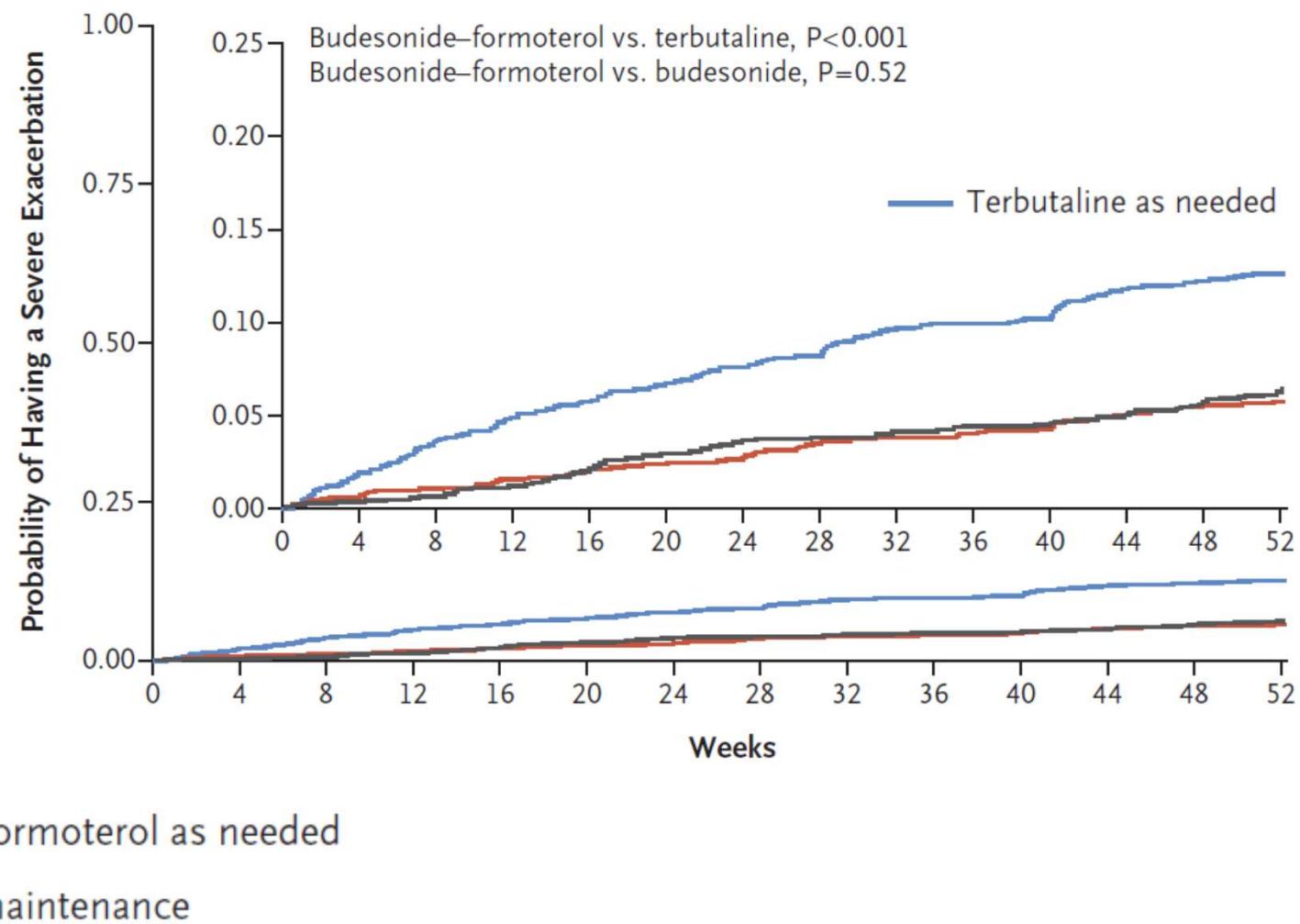
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# Anti-Inflammatoire Reliever (AIR; Symbicort zo nodig)

## vermindert ernstige astma exacerbaties met 65% tov SABA

Severe Exacerbation



P. O'Byrne et al, SYGMA 1 trial; NEJM 2018.

# **SYGMA 1 trial: severe exacerbations**

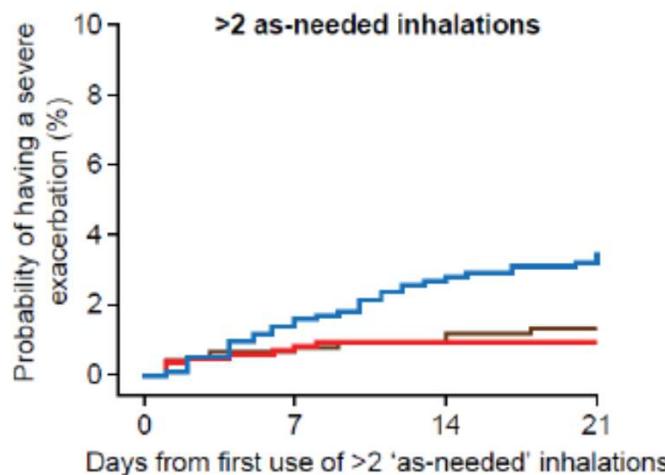
**Table 2.** Summary of Asthma Exacerbations, According to Treatment Group.

Variable	Terbutaline as Needed (N=1277)	Budesonide–Formoterol as Needed (N=1277)	Budesonide Maintenance Therapy (N=1282)
All severe exacerbations			
Patients with $\geq 1$ exacerbation — no. (%)	152 (11.9)	71 (5.6)	78 (6.1)
Total no. of exacerbations	188	77	89
Annualized exacerbation rate	0.20	0.07	0.09
Comparison between as-needed budesonide–formoterol and other regimen			
Rate ratio	0.36	—	0.83
95% CI	0.27–0.49	—	0.59–1.16
P value	<0.001	—	0.28
Severe exacerbation leading to hospitalization			
Patients with $\geq 1$ exacerbation — no. (%)	15 (1.2)	6 (0.5)	8 (0.6)
Total no. of exacerbations	21	6	8

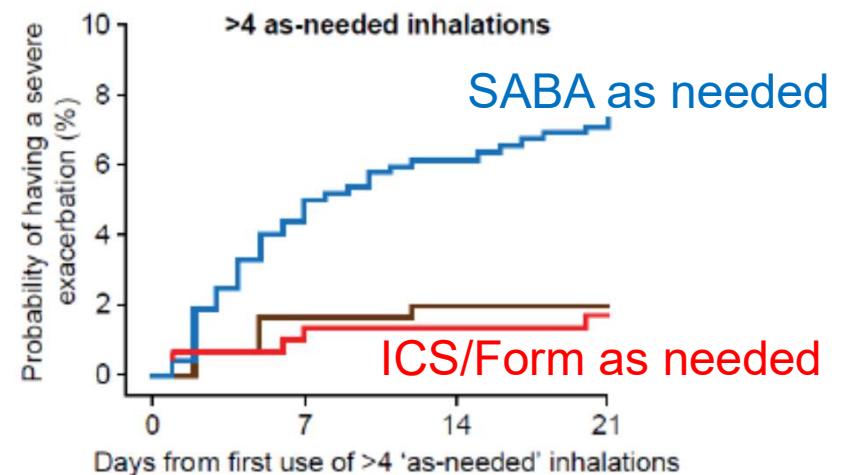
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# A single day of higher as-needed ICS/form reduces short-term risk of a severe exacerbation in mild asthma

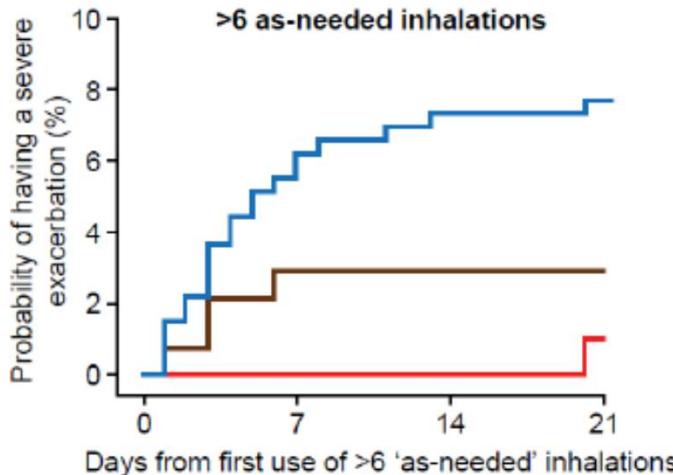
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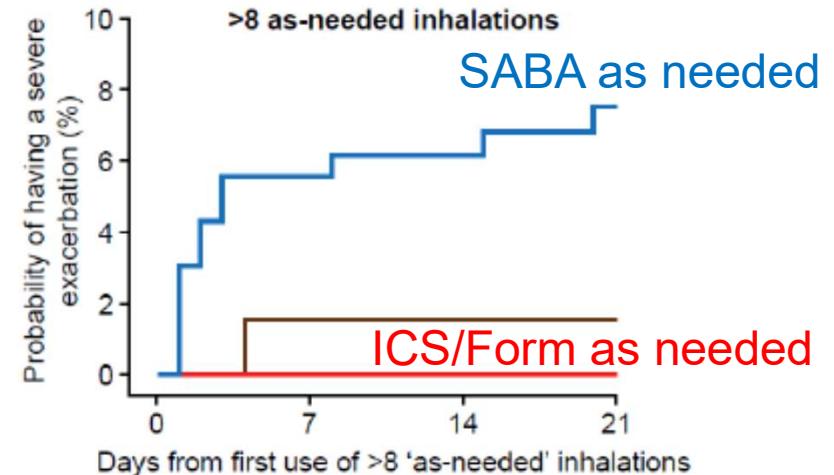
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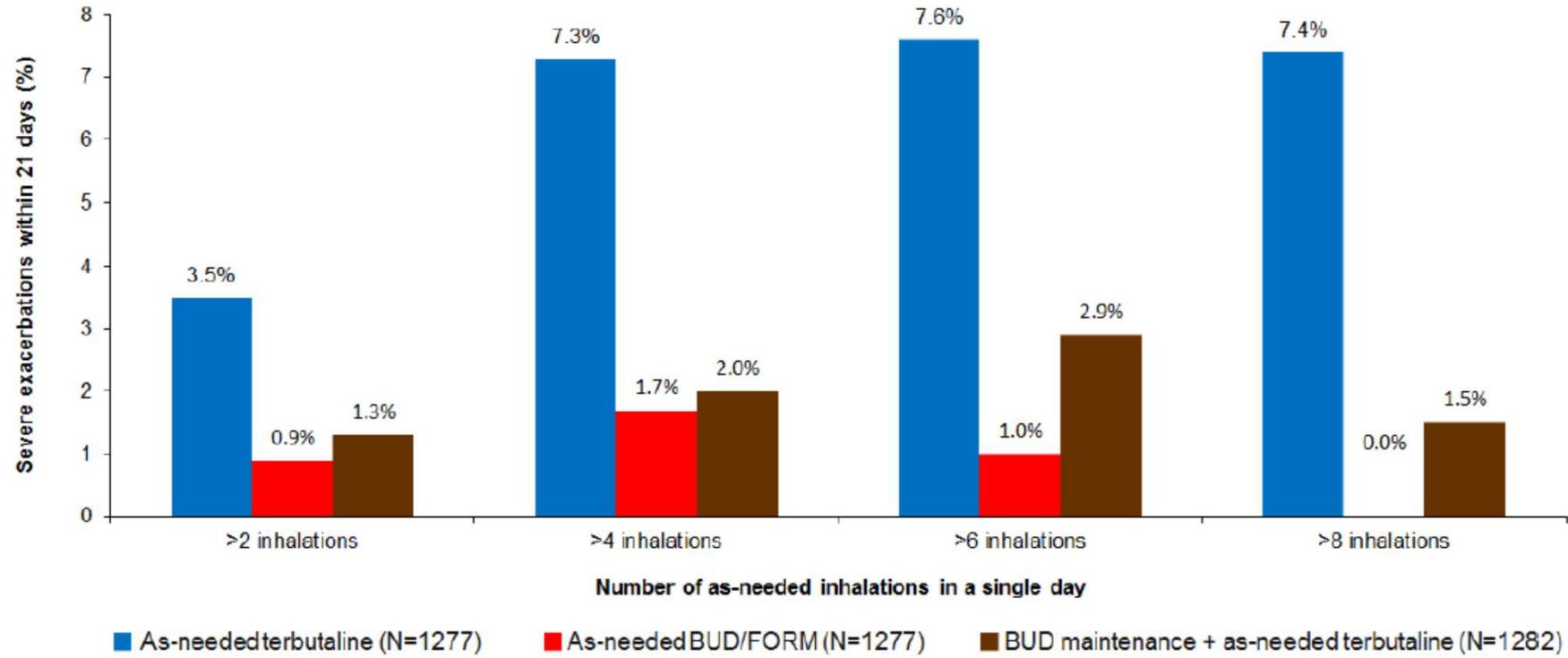
C)



D)



## Anti-Inflammatoire Reliever (AIR: Symbicort zo nodig) vermindert ernstige astma exacerbaties op korte termijn tov SABA



SABA

Anti-Inflammatoire Reliever (AIR):  
Symbicort zo nodig als kortademig

P. O'Byrne et al, Lancet RM 2020.

# GINA 2021: Management of asthma: AIR alone

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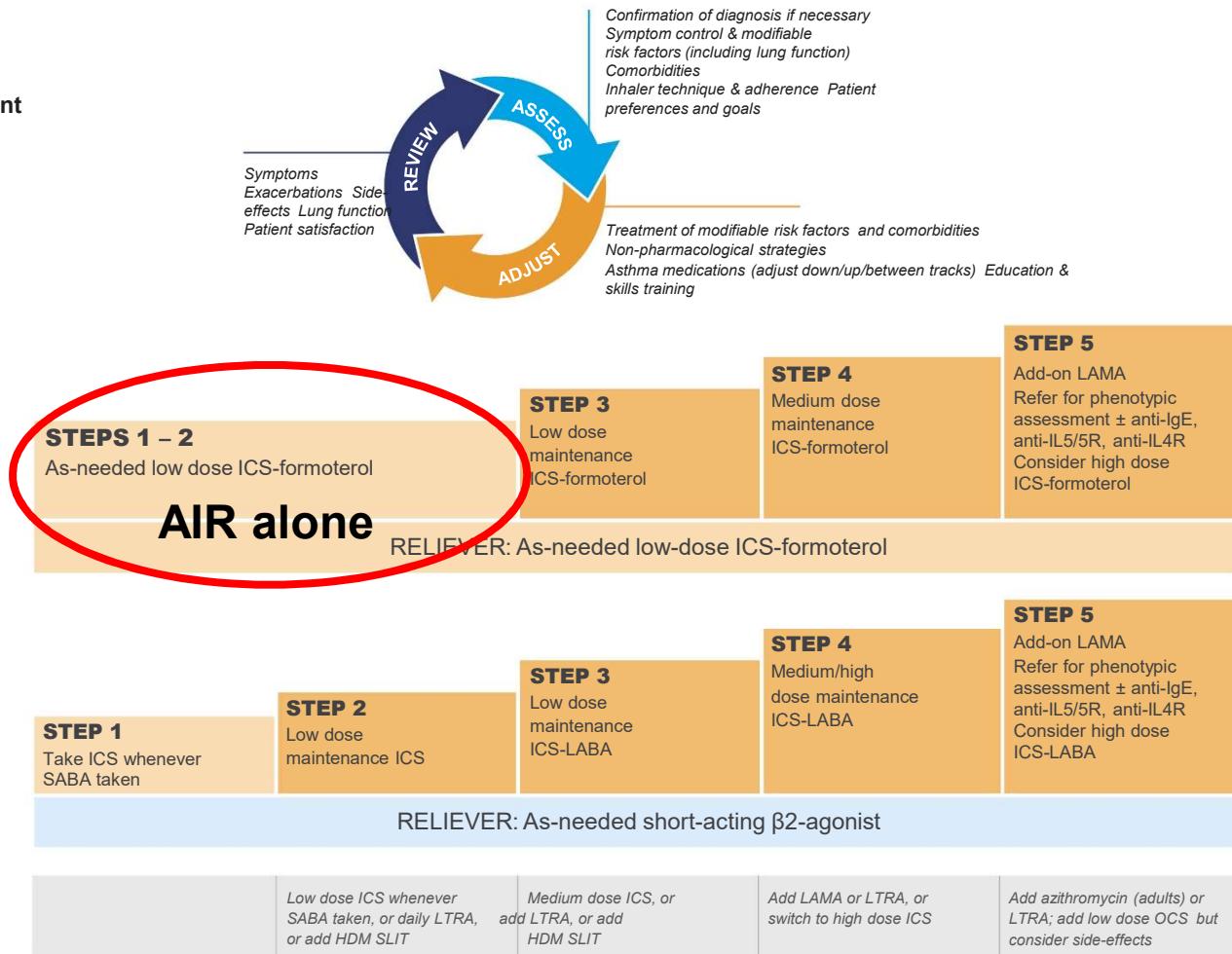


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# Maintenance en Anti-inflammatoire Reliever Therapie (MART)

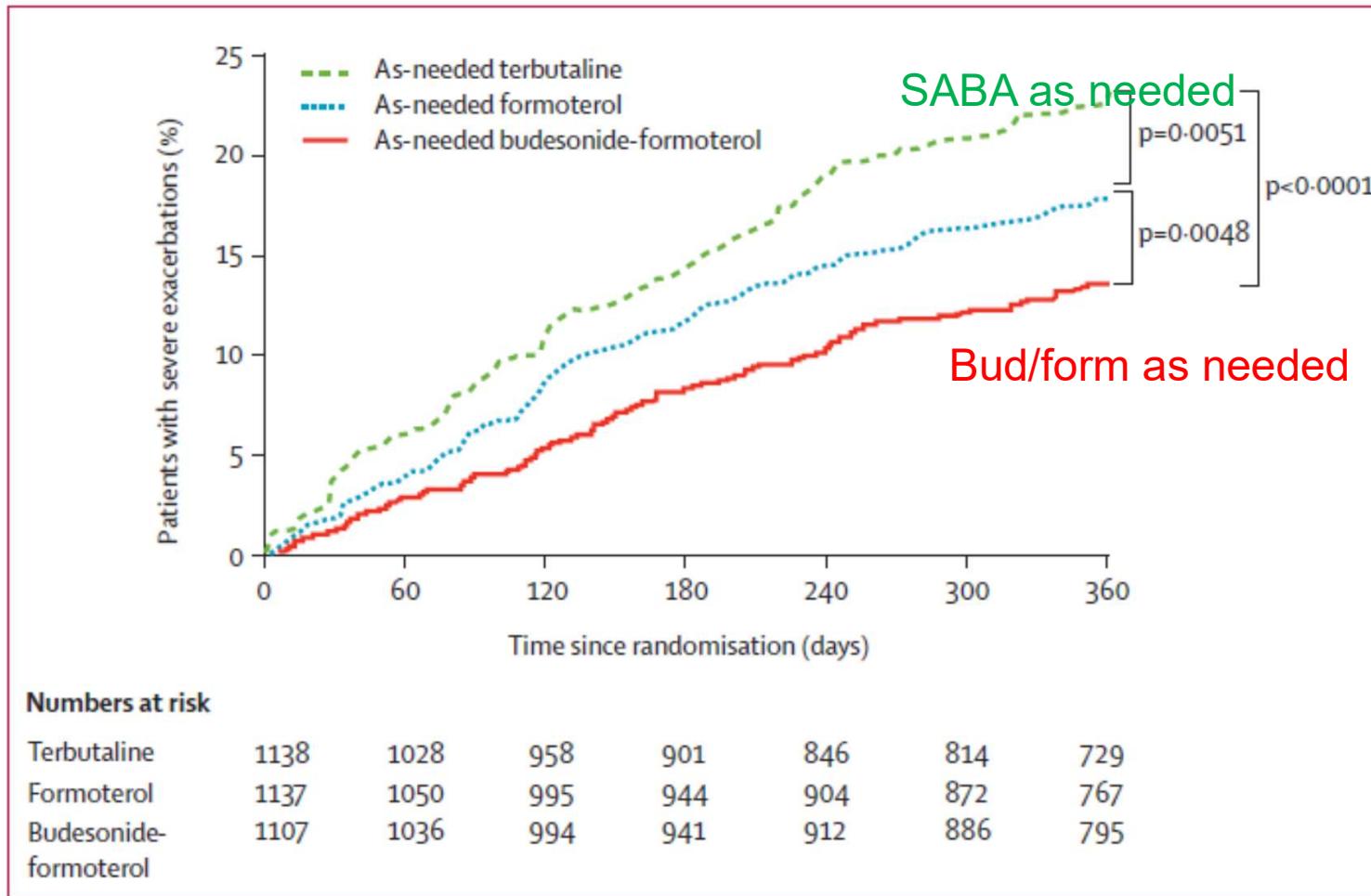
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## Symbicort of Inuvair MART:

als onderhoudsbehandeling

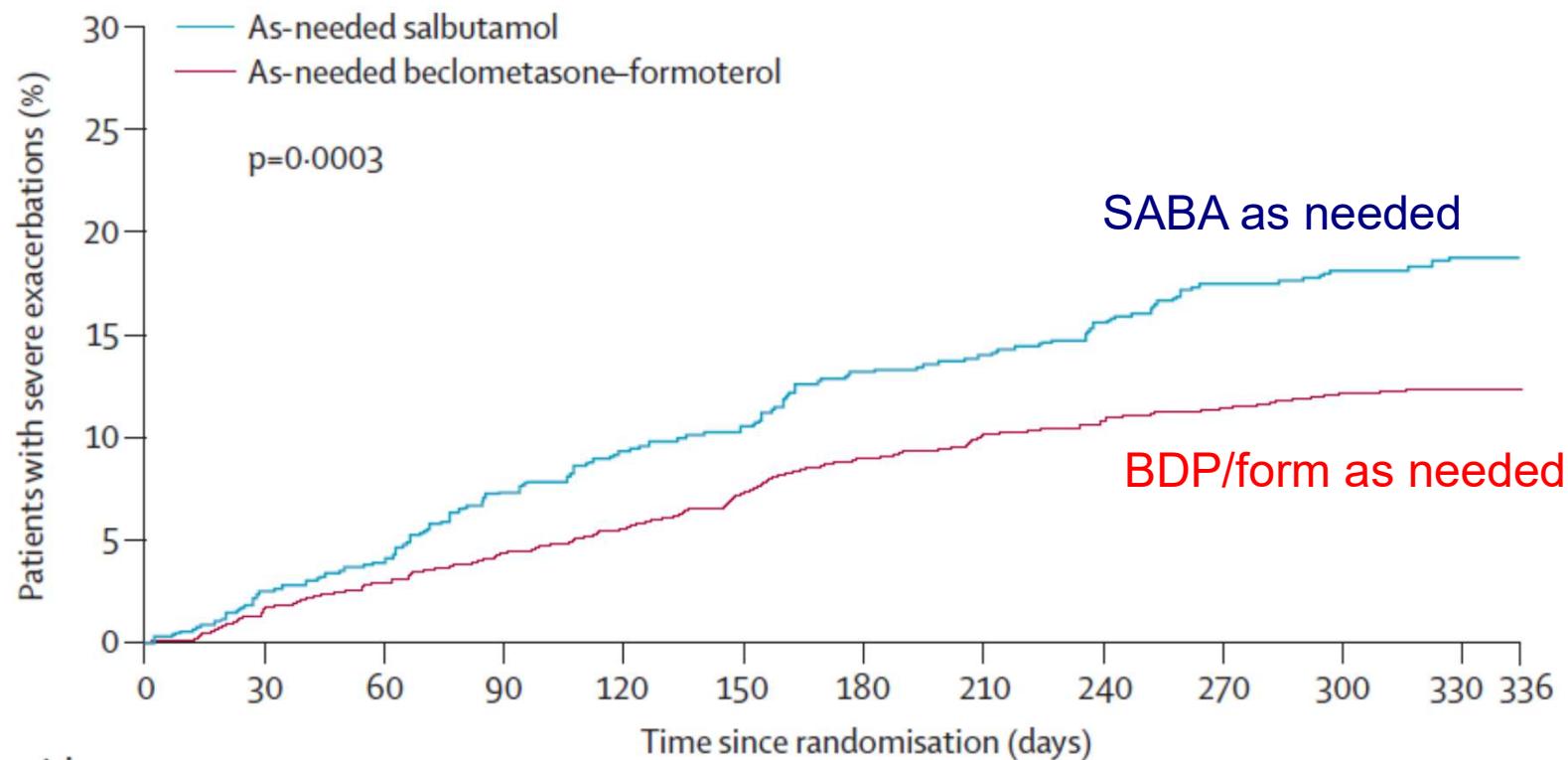
EN als “reliever” therapie (zo nodig als kortademig).

# **Bud/form Maintenance and Anti-inflammatory Reliever Treatment (MART) in moderate-to-severe asthma**



K. Rabe et al, Lancet 2006.

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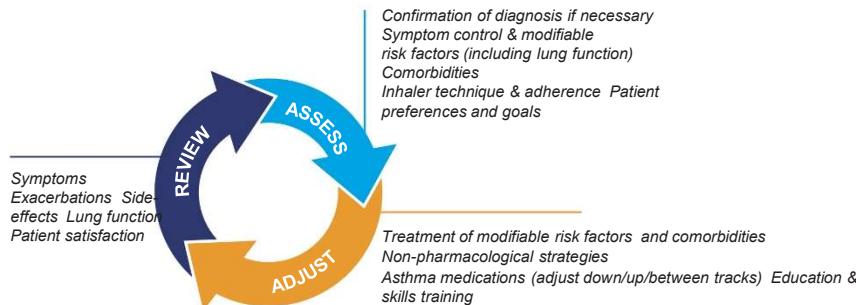
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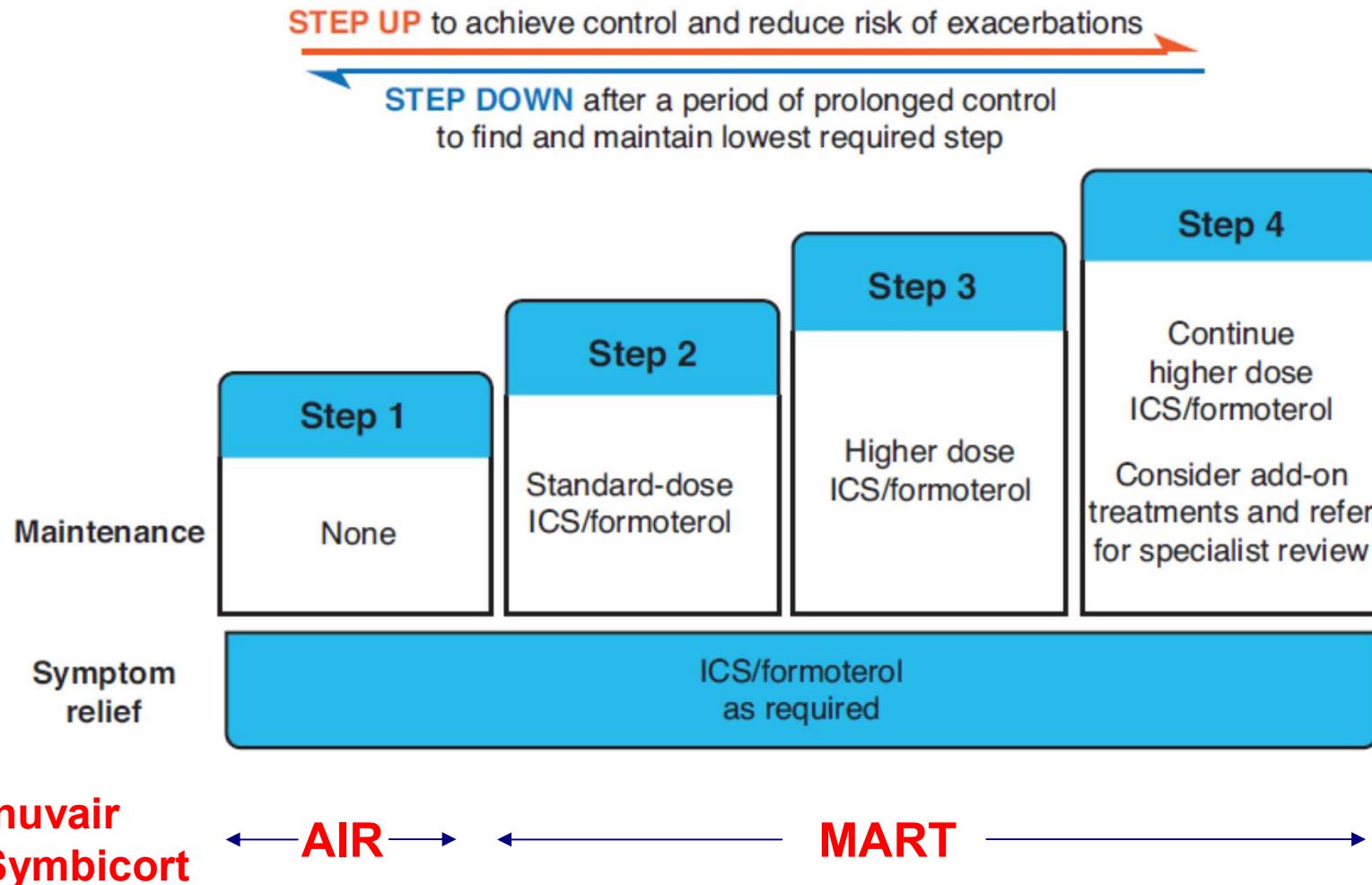
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## A Anti-inflammatory Reliever therapy (AIR) based algorithm using ICS/formoterol



R. Beasley et al, AJRCCM 2021.

# **GINA: Track 1: AIR versus MART**

## **met ICS/formoterol (Inuvair or Symbicort)**

	<b>AIR (alone) (GINA steps 1 and 2)</b>	<b>MART (GINA steps 3, 4 and 5)</b>
Acronym	<u>A</u> nti- <u>I</u> nflammatory <u>R</u> eliever (AIR)	<u>M</u> aintenance and <u>A</u> nti-inflammatory <u>T</u> herapy (MART)
Definition	As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol used as reliever	Daily low or medium (or high) dose maintenance ICS-formoterol <i>plus</i> As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol used as reliever
Aim	To treat asthma symptoms and prevent exacerbations	To treat and control asthma symptoms and prevent exacerbations
Indication	<b>Mild asthma: GINA steps 1 and 2</b>	<b>Moderate-to-severe asthma: GINA steps 3, 4 and 5</b>
Age categories	Adults and adolescents (12+ years)	Adults, adolescents (12+ years) and children (6-11 years)
Clinical characteristics <i>(before start of treatment)</i>	Infrequent asthma symptoms ( $\leq 2x/\text{week}$ ) AND No waking with asthma at night	Daily or most days asthma symptoms OR Waking with asthma at night
Lung function (spirometry or PEF)	Normal or near-normal lung function	Low or normal lung function



# Levels of Asthma Control

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Controlled</b>	<b>Partly controlled (Any present in any week)</b>	<b>Uncontrolled</b>
<b>Daytime symptoms</b>	<b>None (2 or less / week)</b>	<b>More than twice / week</b>	
<b>Limitations of activities</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Any</b>	
<b>Nocturnal symptoms / awakening</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>Any</b>	
<b>Need for rescue / “reliever” treatment</b>	<b>None (2 or less / week)</b>	<b>More than twice / week</b>	<b>3 or more features of partly controlled asthma present in any week</b>
<b>Lung function (PEF or FEV<sub>1</sub>)</b>	<b>Normal</b>	<b>&lt; 80% predicted</b>	
<b>Exacerbation</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>One or more / year</b>	<b>1 in any week</b>

# **Als astma niet onder controle is**

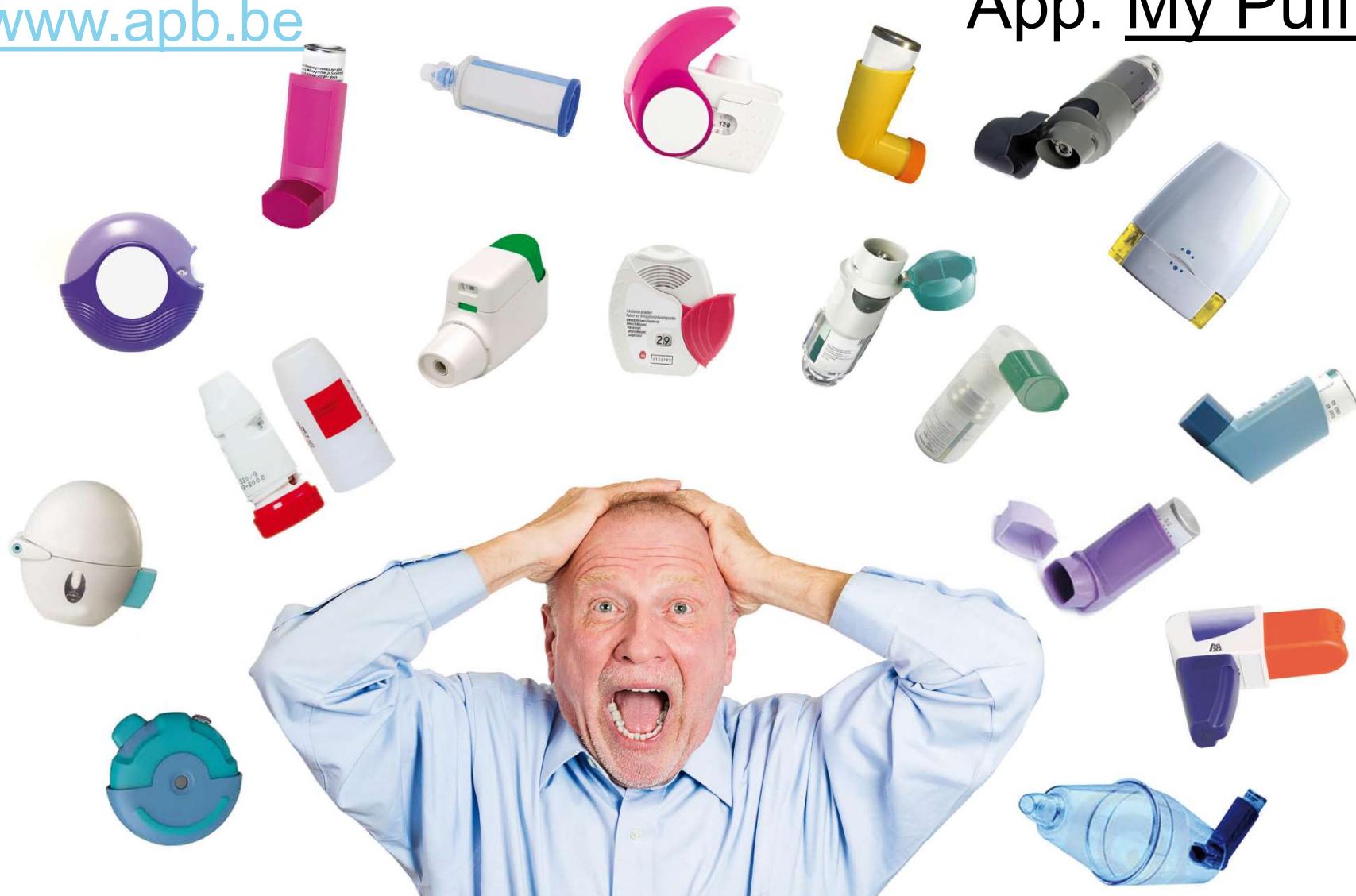
- Slechte therapietrouw (ICS)
- Slechte inhalatietechniek
- Roken
- Blijvende blootstelling aan allergenen
- Significante comorbiditeit
- Foute diagnose
- Ernstig astma

## **Asthma dat niet onder controle is: first things first: adherentie en inhalatietechniek verbeteren**

- In patiënten met ongecontroleerd astma, is het zeer belangrijk om:
  - 1) **Adherentie** te checken en optimaliseren:
    - \* tov onderhoudsbehandeling (ICS; ICS+LABA),
    - \* idealiter als **ICS/formoterol MART**
  - en
  - 2) **Inhalatiertechniek** te checken en optimaliseren:
    - \* **GGG:** Goed Gebruik G    - \* App: **My puff.**

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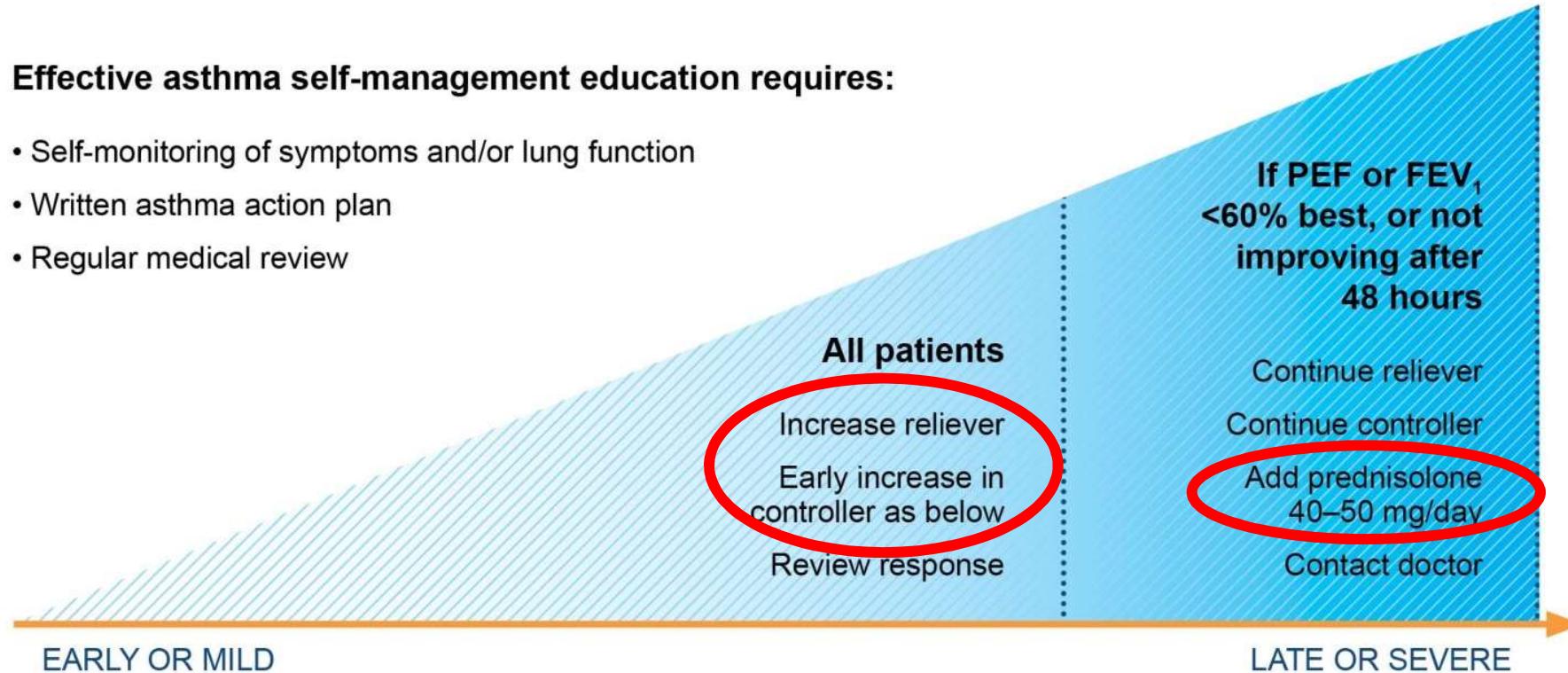
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# Behandeling van Acute Exacerbatie van Astma



## Effective asthma self-management education requires:

- Self-monitoring of symptoms and/or lung function
- Written asthma action plan
- Regular medical review



Inuvair MART!  
Symbicort MART!

Zo nodig: zuurstof  
spoedopname  
hospitalisatie

# **Astma: GINA 2021**

- Astma: diagnose
- Inhalatie medikatie: therapeutische klassen
- GINA richtlijnen 2021
- Behandeling van mild astma: AIR
- Behandeling van matig (tot ernstig) astma: MART
- **Conclusie**

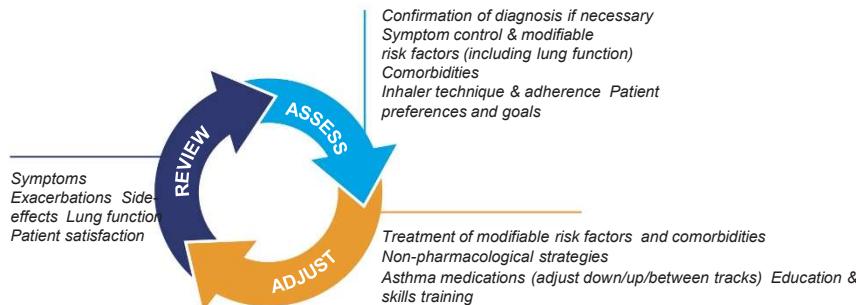
# GINA 2021: Management van astma



## Adults & adolescents 12+ years

### Personalized asthma management

Assess, Adjust, Review  
for individual patient needs



#### CONTROLLER and PREFERRED RELIEVER

(Track 1). Using ICS-formoterol as reliever reduces the risk of exacerbations compared with using a SABA reliever

#### STEPS 1 – 2

As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol

#### STEP 3

Low dose maintenance ICS-formoterol

#### STEP 4

Medium dose maintenance ICS-formoterol

#### STEP 5

Add-on LAMA  
Refer for phenotypic assessment ± anti-IgE, anti-IL5/5R, anti-IL4R  
Consider high dose ICS-formoterol

RELIEVER: As-needed low-dose ICS-formoterol

#### CONTROLLER and ALTERNATIVE RELIEVER

(Track 2). Before considering a regimen with SABA reliever, check if the patient is likely to be adherent with daily controller

#### STEP 1

Take ICS whenever SABA taken

#### STEP 3

Low dose maintenance ICS-LABA

#### STEP 4

Medium/high dose maintenance ICS-LABA

#### STEP 5

Add-on LAMA  
Refer for phenotypic assessment ± anti-IgE, anti-IL5/5R, anti-IL4R  
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RELIEVER: As-needed short-acting  $\beta_2$ -agonist

Other controller options for either track

Low dose ICS whenever SABA taken, or daily LTRA, or add HDM SLIT

Medium dose ICS, or add LTRA, or add HDM SLIT

Add LAMA or LTRA, or switch to high dose ICS

Add azithromycin (adults) or LTRA; add low dose OCS but consider side-effects

# Behandeling van Astma in 2022

- **ICS/formoterol (Symbicort of Inuvair):**
  - als **AIR (Anti-Inflammatoire Reliever)** bij mild astma;
  - als **MART** bij matig-tot-ernstig astma.
- **ICS/LABA (bv Relvar of Seretide):**

als onderhoudsbehandeling bij matig-tot-ernstig astma;
- **SABA (Ventolin)?** uitsluitend “as needed” bij patiënten met goed gecontroleerd astma (die SABA zelden nodig hebben); nooit als monotherapie bij astma!
- **LABA?** nooit als monotherapie bij astma!

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- B. Om reversibiliteit te testen in het longfunctie labo (als de spirometrie obstructief is)
- C. Als reliever bij patiënten met goed gecontroleerd astma die hun reliever (zeer) zelden nodig hebben
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