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Have Your Say on the Asthma Management Handbook

The National Asthma Council Australia is preparing to develop the 7th edition of the *Asthma Management Handbook* and it is seeking input from GPs, pharmacists, practice nurses and asthma educators to help guide the format and content of the new edition.

The *Handbook* contains the national evidence-based best-practice guidelines on asthma management and aims to be a user-friendly, practical guide to clinical practice for GPs and other primary care health professionals.

Together with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the National Asthma Council Australia has developed a quick 2-minute survey for health professionals to find out how they use the *Handbook*, the ease of navigation, preferred format (hard copy or online) and identify what other information sources they use to keep up to date with asthma management.

Respondents can also suggest additional areas that could be built into the next edition of the *Handbook*, such as clinical decision pathways or the inclusion of a summary of changes made since the previous edition.

The survey is being emailed to RACGP members and it can also be accessed via: www.nationalasthma.org.au

The electronic survey closes on Monday, June 21. Feedback will be used to drive the development of the next edition of the *Asthma Management Handbook*, which is expected to be published in 2012.

Health professionals can still access the current edition, published in 2006, either in print or online at: www.nationalasthma.org.au

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