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Childhood Asthma Survey *Only 27% of parents are using their child's preventative medication daily*

A recent survey of 608 parents of children with asthma, revealed that parents are making unscheduled visits to their child's healthcare provider specifically to deal with asthma related issues – with one quarter ending up in the Emergency Room at least once per year. Not surprisingly, the main culprit of these unscheduled visits is likely due to the lack of compliance to their prescribed treatment plan. Only 27% of parents are using their child's preventative medication daily, with the majority saying they adhere to their treatment program only during high risk activities or when their child is having difficulty breathing.

Although compliance has long been an issue, the survey uncovered that the majority of parents are concerned about the potential side effects of their child's asthma medication – although few knew exactly what those side effects could be. This fear of the unknown may be why parents make the decision not to follow the prescribed treatment.

By recommending or prescribing **AeroChamber*** Valved Holding Chambers with pressurized Metered Dose Inhalers, physicians can help parents deliver greater therapeutic benefit with less irritation to the mouth and throat – and fewer systemic side effects.¹

¹ Salzman GA, Pyszcynski DR. **Oropharyngeal Candidiasis in Patients Treated with Beclomethasone Dipropionate Delivered by Metered-Dose Inhaler Alone and with AeroChamber.** Journal of Allergy Clinical Immunology. 1988; 80 (2):424-428.

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