#### We will show you how to:

- Identify asthma triggers
- Recognize asthma symptoms
- Use a spacer to enhance medication delivery
- Use a peak-flow meter to monitor your lung function
- Manage symptoms on a daily basis
- Manage symptoms in an emergency situation

The Asthma Health Management Program provides you with an agebased asthma folder and carrying pack which includes:

- Spacer
- Peak flow meter and diary
- Educational CDs
- Instructional materials
- · Asthma action plan





### **The Asthma Health Management Program**

Cape Coral Hospital 636 Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral, FL 33990 239-424-3890

The Outpatient Center at HealthPark Commons 16281 Bass Road, Suite 305 Fort Myers, FL 33908 239-343-7217

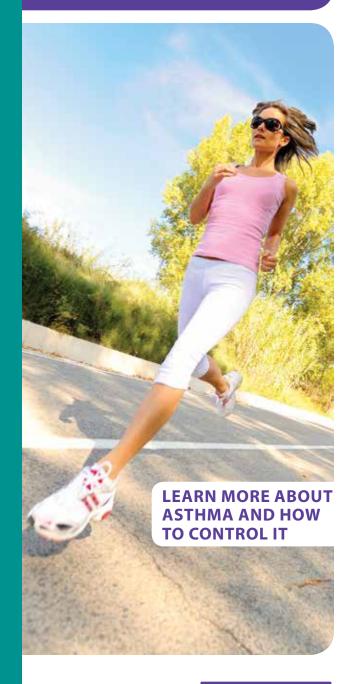
> The Outpatient Center at Plantation\* 13601 Plantation Road, Suite 2 Fort Myers, FL 33912 239-343-0765

> > To make an appointment call Outpatient Scheduling: 239-424-1499 239-424-1439 fax



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# Asthma Health Management Program





<sup>\*</sup> An outpatient department of Lee Memorial Hospital







### **Breathe a Little Easier**

The Asthma Health Management Program is an educational program for adult and pediatric patients. They are referred by their primary care physician, pediatrician, pulmonologist, emergency department physician or allergist. Patients are usually scheduled for six visits during the six-month program, although the physician or asthma educator may extend the duration as necessary.

The program's full-time certified asthma educator works with your physician to develop your personal asthma action plan, designed to meet your specific medical needs.

By the end of this program, you should be able to self-manage your asthma, resulting in fewer absences from school or work, an improvement in your quality of life, decrease in emergency room visits and hospitalizations and improved lung function.

Asthma can be a manageable disease. We encourage you to take control of your asthma through the Asthma Health Management Program offered by Lee Memorial Health System.

## **About the Program**

The Asthma Health Management
Program, based on guidelines
by the National Heart, Lung
& Blood Institute, is the only
outpatient asthma education
program in Southwest Florida. The
multidisciplinary team of health
professionals includes a certified
asthma educator, medical directors
for adult and pediatric patients,
respiratory therapists, and nurses.

Children as young as 2 years old will learn how to identify and manage their asthma symptoms. Both parents and children benefit from the fun, game-like activities that teach self-management skills. This program compliments the education and treatment children receive as patients in Golisano Children's Hospital. The program will contact your school nurse and provide the school with a copy of your asthma action plan that you receive during your visit. This will help guide the health official if your child is having problems with his/her asthma.

