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<b>Title</b> Asthma Management and collaboration in primary care
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<b>Aim of project/study:</b> To identify the attitudes and perceptions of primary health care providers (HCP) on collaborative asthma management.
<b>Method</b> A qualitative research approach was used and a series of interviews and focus groups conducted with primary HCPs. The sampling frame was all general practitioners (GPs), practice nurses (PNs), pharmacists, asthma educators (AE) and psychologists within a metropolitan health district. Data were collected using a semi-structured interview/focus group facilitation guide, audiotaped and transcribed verbatim. Content analysis was carried out using a deductive approach to identify major themes and concepts.
<b>Result(s)</b> Four focus groups of GPs, PNs, pharmacists and psychologists were completed with 6, 7, 5 and 5 participants, respectively. Interviews were conducted with 2 asthma educators. Barriers associated with the theme of asthma management were similar for GPs, PNs and pharmacists and were commonly related to patient-related factors including patient perceptions, adherence and self-management. Psychologists perceived a limited role for themselves in asthma management. AEs, focused on the challenges around minimal resources vs high demand. Psychologists and AEs had no experience in, nor did they perceive there to be a need to engage in, collaborative practices. While similar themes around collaboration were raised by GPs, PNs and pharmacists, their views within these themes differed. Some believed that collaboration already existed, others focused on perceived barriers.

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