

Table 1

Findings from previous confidential enquiries into deaths from asthma⁶⁻¹²

Potentially preventable or avoidable factors contributing to death from asthma

- Failure to recognise risk status - 1963-1974
- Failure to recognise severity - 1979
- Underuse of corticosteroids - 1963, 1975, 1979
- Lack of patient education - 1963
- Underuse of objective measures - 1963
- Inadequate routine management and follow-up - 1979
- Potentially preventable deaths - 1979