

Hello!

We're Respiratory Care WA, formerly known as
Asthma WA.



About Respiratory Care WA



Who are we?

We're helping keep Western Australians out of hospital with diagnosis, clinical support and advice. Since 1964, we've helped more than 300,000 people impacted by a respiratory conditions and educated more than 150,000 teachers.



Our mission

Delivering the right services, advice and education through best practice experts, to help Western Australians facing respiratory health challenges live a better life.



Our vision

Inspiring Western Australians facing respiratory health challenges to live a better life.



Our value proposition

We deliver best practice education, advice and clinical support to ensure the best health outcomes for people facing respiratory challenges.

Our purpose
Everyone has access to personalised respiratory support to live their best life.

Why does Respiratory Care WA exist?



Australia has one of the highest rates of asthma in the world, with 2.7 million Australians affected by asthma.



\$1.1 billion is lost in productivity a year (including lost wages for people with asthma).



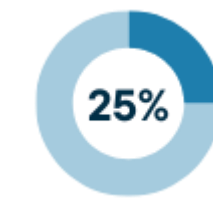
Asthma impacts 1 in 3 Australians.



Australians see GPs with regards to their asthma on average 5.6 times per year.

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Australians die from Asthma each year (on average).



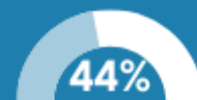
25% of WA adults diagnosed with asthma said that asthma had interfered with their daily life in the last 4 weeks.



Each year there are nearly 7,000 emergency hospitalisations in WA.



60% of Asthma is misdiagnosed resulting to poor quality of life and asthma control.



44% of Australians hospitalised with Asthma did not have a written Asthma Action Plan.



Low socio-economic regions have poorer outcomes with less access to Lung Function Testing, increased exacerbations, less asthma control and more hospitalisation.



80% of hospitalisations are potentially preventable.



Our expert lung function testing results in an average a 60% change in diagnosis with a new care plan.



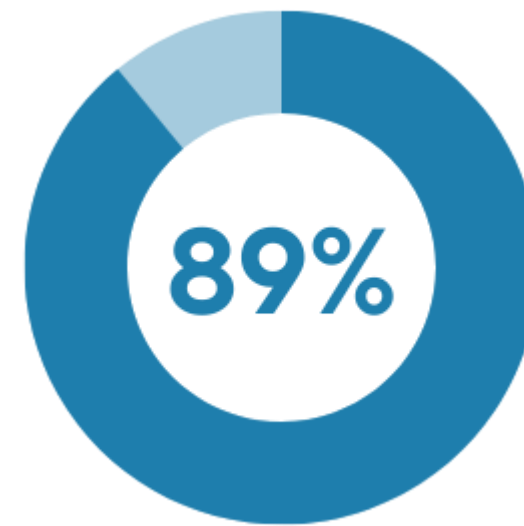
Asthma's cost to the economy is \$3 billion each year.



Our services support a 90% reduction in emergency presentations after initial visit.

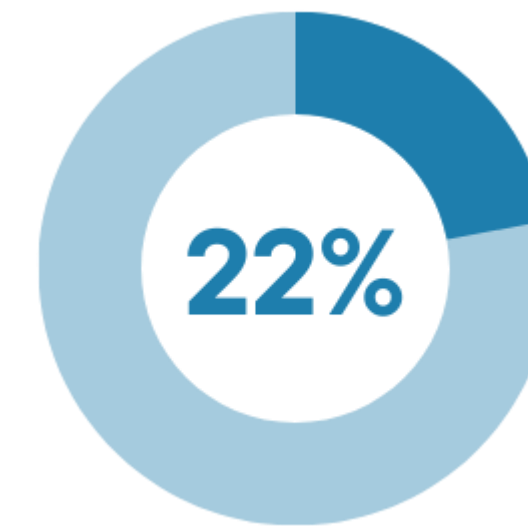


Respiratory Care WA impact



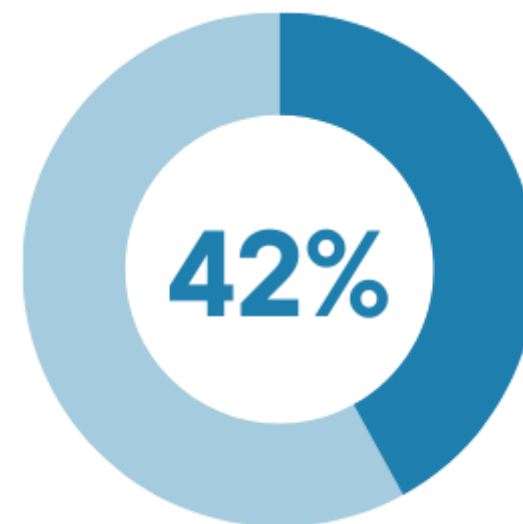
reduction in emergency presentations after an initial visit.

*8% reduction benchmark for chronic condition not for profits



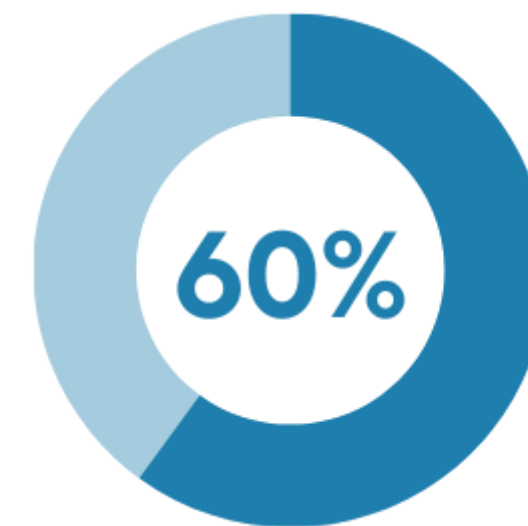
improvement in Asthma Control Scores for paediatric consumers.

*5% benchmark for outstanding asthma improvement



improvement in quality of life for children and their families.

*10% shift deemed as extraordinary



change in diagnosis after visiting Respiratory Care WA respiratory team.

*50% of Western Australians are misdiagnosed

Each year, we help more than 4,000 children, families and adults impacted by respiratory conditions to live their best lives, plus upskilled thousands of health professionals.



Meet Patrick

Since he was two years old, Patrick was rushed to emergency multiple times a year. Each time the hospital dealt with the emergency and weren't able to diagnose or provide long term advice. The family would find themselves back in emergency in the same situation in only a couple of months. When they visited a GP, they had the same experience.

After four years of dealing with sleeplessness nights, tens of days off school which resulted in time off work for his parents and little to no sport or social activity, Patrick's Mum Samantha did a desperate online search and discovered Respiratory Care WA. She asked her doctor for a referral and came to Respiratory Care WA's *Children's Respiratory Hub*.

“I would tuck Patrick into bed at 6:30pm, and through the evening and night I would listen to him wheeze and cough, always on alert, and just in case he stopped breathing and that he was ok. I was barely sleeping myself. Every time I accessed medical support, I felt that I was getting conflicting information. It did not build confidence in me that we were on the right track.” - Patrick's Mum, Samantha.

Hear more from Patrick and Samantha: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VxBpr5QYFU>



How we helped Patrick



Diagnosis

An Australian-first integrated respiratory hub, combining paediatric lung function testing, immediate analysis and review by a respiratory specialist, and consultation with a respiratory educator. The hub model saved Patrick and his family more than three years in waiting time and thousands in out-of-pocket expenses.



Education

Respiratory Care WA's team of clinical nurses and respiratory educators deliver individual 1:1 education to children and parents. The sessions provide comprehensive education on triggers, medication use, asthma first aid and technique adherence. Patrick was one of thousands who had an 82% self-reported improvement in asthma knowledge and education and 100% satisfaction of our services.



Family support

Our team ensure families like Patrick and Samantha are educated and provided support for the best asthma management. We offer resources and personalised family education, plus telehealth and helpline support.



Resources

Respiratory Care WA has a range of resources to ensure help Western Australians impacted by respiratory condition can live their best life. Our resources include in-school, sports, asthma first aid, asthma emergency, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease resources, aged care, palliative and paediatric.

Thank You

