

How to Use a Peak-Flow Meter

- 1. Move the pointer down the meter to zero.
- 2. Do not cover the open vent with your hand.
- 3. Put peak flow mouth to your mouth.
- 4. Take a deep breath in.
- 5. Place the flow meter in your mouth and close your lips tightly around the mouthpiece.
- 6. Blow air into the tube as hard and fast as you can.
- 7. Write down the number, reset indicator.
- 8. Wait 15 seconds and repeat steps 1-6 for 2 more times.
- 9. Record the highest of the three numbers on your peak flow meter chart or graph.
- 10. Refer to your asthma crisis management plan after obtaining your reading and follow the instructions for using the correct amount of medication.
- 11. Do Peak Flow before and 20 minutes after medication.