

Order of Therapies for Cystic Fibrosis

This handout discusses setting a treatment plan for Cystic Fibrosis.

Keeping Your Airway Clear

Part of care for cystic fibrosis is keeping your airways clear. This means doing airway clearance treatments. A treatment may be with a medicine. Some medicines open your airways. Some loosen or thin mucus. Others help fight bacteria in your lungs. Using an exact order of treatment makes them most effective.

Complete your medicine and airway clearance treatments in this order. If you don't take a medicine on this list, you can skip that step. Follow any specific instructions you have been given from your doctor.

List of Medicines

1. Bronchodilator (Albuterol)
2. Hypertonic saline (Hyper-Sal™)
3. DNase (Pulmozyme®)
4. Airway clearance (vest, Acapella®, Aerobika®, flutter, manual chest physiotherapy)
5. Asthma controller medicines (Flovent®, Advair, Symbicort)
6. Aerosolized antibiotic (Cayston®, TOBI®, Colistin)

When to Call

Call if you have any questions about your specific treatment plan.

Who to Call

Pediatric Pulmonary Clinic
(608) 263-6420.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 4/2025. University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#7322.