

# **Definitions**

## **Medical and Camp Terminology**

### **Parameters for Medical Policies and Procedures**

Policies and procedures are intended to provide guidance for the development of medical practice for individual asthma camps. Due to variation in needs, capabilities and medical care delivery among asthma camps throughout the country, parameters should be considered as “ideals” or suggestions. As such, emphasis should be on the need for written policy that reflects appropriate variations and differences of opinion among those who are involved in the medical and administrative aspects of asthma camps for children.

### **Medical Management**

The overall management of asthma episodes at camp should be guided by the following documents:

- The National Asthma Education Program’s expert panel report
- Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma
- Practice Parameters for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Asthma

These documents outline the medical treatment of acute and chronic asthma in children and adults.

### **Asthma Camp Medical Policies**

The asthma camp medical policies are guidelines for the health care professionals who provide service at asthma camp.

### **Standing Orders**

Standing orders are primarily designed to assist health care professionals and those less medically experienced to provide a coordinated approach to common camp medical problems.

### **Medical Review Process – “Medical Rounds”**

Medical rounds review the progress of campers who have had problems in the past 24 hours, make medication changes, and /or provide guidance and assistance. It is recommended that all health care professionals attend medical rounds.

### **Bedtime Assessments and Cares**

The primary nurse is expected to make a brief assessment of each camper at bedtime and to treat as necessary. The goal is to decrease episodes of nighttime wheezing/coughing.

### **Health Services – Infirmary**

The Health Service/Infirmary is the area where children receive their medical care.

### **Formulary**

Type and appropriate number of medications used at camp.

### **Charting and Documentation**

A systematic and orderly record of all medical and behavioral interventions, including their outcome, provided for each camper.

### **Orientation Schedules**

Orientation schedules provide a system to transmit important information regarding camp, camp policies and procedures to the health care professionals.

### **Daily Schedules**

Daily schedules provide a standard schedule to alert the health care professionals of specific activities during camp.

### **Camp Tour Guide**

This guide is used to familiarize the health care professionals with a physical layout of camp and to identify important areas of camp where activities will occur (e.g., infirmary, dining hall, lodge, common area, water front, arts and crafts, etc.).