

Asthma

CASE SCENARIO: #9

J.S. is a 8y/o white male diagnosed with asthma. He initially presented with mild but persistent (3-6 episodes per week) symptoms (cough, wheezing and dyspnea, especially when exposed to cold air or during exercise) for the last 3 months, and was started on beclomethasone dipropionate (Vanceril[®] 82 µg/puff) 4 puffs qid and albuterol (Proventil[®]) 2 puffs prn. Although his symptoms improved on this regimen, his mother notices changes in his voice and J.S. complains of discomfort when swallowing. What are your initial concerns? What are your long-term concerns? Was this patient managed appropriately?