Climate Conscious Inhaler Prescribing
Sustainability Pathway

NEED

Does the patient have a confirmed diagnosis of respiratory illness necessitating the use of an inhaler?

NO → Confirm diagnosis through spirometry or other obejctive testing. If testing confirms diagnosis, follow the "Yes" pathway

YES

CONTROL

Is the patient's respiratory illness well-controlled?

NO → Reassess technique, assess for relevant comorbidities, and/or step up maintenance therapy. If new/existing inhaler prescription is needed, follow the "Yes" pathway

YES

TYPE

Is it appropriate to consider an environmentally preferred inhaler?

NO → Prescribe most appropriate inhaler, and re-evaluate changing inhaler from MDI if circumstances change; Regardless of type, follow the "Yes" pathway

YES

TECHNIQUE

Has the patient received recent training on inhaler technique?

NO → Train patient on appropriate technique to ensure medication is being used properly, and in its entirety; Once completed, follow the "Yes" pathway

YES

DISPOSAL

Has the patient been made aware of disposal options?

NO → Discuss disposal options with patient; Once options have been reviewed, follow the "Yes" pathway

YES

SUSTAINABILITY PATHWAY COMPLETE

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