

## Effect of Different Nursing Educational Methods about Correct use of Inhaler Devices on Clinical Improvement for Asthmatic Patients

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### Abstract:

**Background:** Most asthmatic patients use their inhalers incorrectly; As a result, they are more vulnerable to poor clinical control and exacerbation. **The study aim:** was to evaluate the effect of different nursing educational methods (video, educational booklet, both booklet & video) about correct use of inhaler devices on the clinical improvement for asthmatic patients. **Methods: Design of the study:** Quiz-experimental design. **Setting:** chest department and chest diseases outpatient clinics at Assiut University Hospitals **Sample:** 80 asthmatic patients were divided into four groups, 20 patients for each. **Tools:** Tool I: patient assessment sheet, Tool II: Global Initiative for Asthma scale (GINA), 2019, and Tool III: nursing educational methods. **Results:** According to the Global Initiative for Asthma scale, in excess of half of the patients (60.0 %) in the routine nursing instructions, booklet, and video groups had partially asthma control, while the majority of patients (80.0%) in the video and booklet groups had well asthma control. **Conclusions:** The group of patients who received the video and the booklet had a statistically significant effect on improving the level of asthma control. **Recommendation:** All asthma patients should be given written and visual information about how to use inhalers devices correctly to minimize the complications arising from the incorrect use of inhalers.

**Keywords:** Asthmatic patients, Clinical improvement, Inhaler devices & Nursing educational methods

### Introduction:

Asthma affected an estimated 262 million people in 2019 and caused 461000 deaths (**world health organization, 2019**). Asthma is a common chronic disease that affects people of all ages and from all parts of the world around the globe. It causes a substantial burden of disease in people of all ages, including early death and impaired quality of life. Asthma affects 300 million individuals of all ages and ethnicities worldwide, with 1 in every 250 people dying from the disease. It is expected that by 2025, another 100 million people would be affected. (**The Global Asthma Report, 2018**).

The most effective treatment option for asthma is inhalation therapy. Good inhaler technique is essential to get the most out of these medications and improve outcomes for the patient. The numerous types of inhalers on the market have varying specifications and need different approaches, resulting in a number of performance faults and a reduction in treatment efficacy. Up to 76 percent of patients make some form of an inhaler technique error (**Miguel et al, 2019**). Growing research suggests that instructional interventions and technique reviews help to control the disease (**David et al, 2019**).

Inhalation medications are the cornerstone of asthma therapy, but they can only be effective if they are used properly. When an inhaler is used correctly, the drug is delivered to the lungs, where it can help control asthma symptoms. According to the studies, incorrect inhaler technique can lead to inadequate asthma control and poor clinical consequences. Inhaler technique errors are still common among asthma patients, with no improvement in recent years (**Chrystyn et al, 2017**).

Using an inhaler incorrectly means that little or no medicine reaches the lungs. This can be due to a variety of factors such as the inhaler not being shaken before use, failing to properly position the inhaler, failure of the patient to hold their breath after inhalation, failure to breathe properly in and out, and failure to rinse their mouth with warm water after medication administration. The Global Initiative for Asthma published a study in 2016 urging nurses and clinicians to monitor for incorrect inhaler use and provide proper education (**Global initiative for asthma, 2020**)

Also the elderly patient with asthma may have concerns about the side-effects of the medication, poor inhaler technique or insufficient inspiratory flows, and asthma management can be affected by

memory impairment or economic difficulties. (Hanania et al., 2011).

Because proper technique varies depending on the type of inhaler, patients must learn how to use their specific inhaler. Asthma control can be improved with simple verbal instructions and practical demonstrations of correct inhaler use. Written instructions alone about how to use the inhaler are insufficient. When patients are being prescribed inhalants for the first time, they should be taught how to use an inhaler by using other methods such as video chatting can be benefit, as well as checking their technique at subsequent consultations (Schantz et al., 2018)

Persistent assessment and reinforcement of the correct inhaler technique can help Asthma patients to get better medicine intake and improved treatment outcome. To help new asthma patients better understand the proper way to use an inhaler, as well as to provide some handy tips for experienced users, Patient education plays one of the most important roles in the patients' use and misuse of asthma inhalers (Global initiative for asthma ,2020). Inhaler misuse is common, and the expenses are considerable, including more doctor visits, hospitalizations, and higher inhaler medicine use. All of these can be decreased by spending more time to teaching patients how to correctly use their prescribed inhaler device (Schantz et al., 2018).

Inhalation therapy is the most common treatment for asthma. When it comes to the elderly, the patients' capacity to use inhalers may be crucial. Elderly asthmatics, on the other hand, have been shown to improve their inhaler technique when given practical demonstration and instruction (Crane, et al., 2014)

To counteract for the increasing costs, new and effective methods to improve inhaler technique and ensure safe use of asthma inhalers are required. Current approaches for providing inhaler training include written instructions, graphics, video demonstrations, as well as individual and small group demonstrations (Lavorini, 2013)

### Significance of the study:

Prevalence of asthma in Egypt was 6.7% (Tarraf et al., 2018). Incorrect inhaling method can limit medicine deposition in the lungs, resulting in lower efficacy. Poor technique was estimated to be present in 14–90 percent (with an average of 50 percent) of cases in a study of 21 research looking at misuse of metered dosage inhalers (Giraud & Roche, 2017).

In a systematic review of educational programs for adult self-management of asthma, education was linked to improved lung function, decrease numbers of days with restricted activities and fewer the rate of

emergency departments visits (Guevara et al., 2018).

### Aims of the study:

Was evaluate the effect of different nursing educational methods (video, educational booklet, both booklet & video) about correct use of inhaler devices on the clinical improvement for asthmatic patients.

### Hypothesis: To achieve the study's goal, the following research hypothesis was formulated:

1. Patients who receive video will have a higher mean score on the asthma symptoms control measure than patients who receives routine nursing instructions
2. Patients who receive educational booklets will have a higher mean score on the asthma symptoms control scale than patients who routine nursing instructions.
3. Patients who receive both the video and the booklet will have a higher mean score in the asthma symptoms control scale than those who receive only routine care.

### Operational definition:

**Asthma control:** is the extent to which the manifestations of asthma can be observed in the patient, or have been reduced or removed by treatment.

### Methods:

**Research design:** In this study, Quiz-experimental research design was used.

### Study variables

The educational nursing methods were the independent variable in this study (routine nursing instructions, an educational booklet, clinical correct use of inhaler on video and both booklet & video). The level of asthma symptom control was the dependent variable.

### Setting:

The study was conducted at the chest department and chest diseases outpatient clinics at Assiut University Hospital.

### Patients:

A purposive sample 80 asthmatic patients were divided into four groups of 20 for each group. The first group (control group) received routine nursing instructions; the second group received merely a nursing educational booklet; the third group was simply shown how to use an inhaler correctly through video only, and the fourth group received both the video and the booklet. To ensure randomization, the group receiving routine nursing instructions and clinical correct use of inhalers via video only received odd numbers, while a nursing educational booklet group only received even numbers, and the group of nursing educational booklet and video together received even numbers.

**Inclusion criteria**

The study group was chosen based on the following criteria: Patients diagnosed with asthma and who use one of the following inhaler device (pressurized Metered Dose Inhaler (pMDI) with or without Spacer, Dry Powder Inhaler or Soft Mist), aged ranged from 18 to 65years and those who visit the outpatient clinics regularly to take the monthly treatment.

**Sample size**

The power analysis to estimate the sample size was performed based on the result of previous study. Assuming power of 0.80% and 0.05 (one sided equivalence test). A total sample size of 50 participants is required. The eligible patients were invited to participate after the assessment whether they meet all of the inclusion criteria  $n = 80$

**Tools of the study:****Tool I: Patients Assessment sheet:**

**Part (1): Demographic data:** including the patients' name, age, sex, residence, marital status, educational level, and occupation.

**Part (2): Medical data:** Previous admission to hospital, Number of admission in the last year, Age of start asthma, Patient's condition at discharge, Presence of cough, If present how much you cough, shortness of breath, wheezing, chest tightness or pain, and chronic diseases

**Part (3): Risk factors for asthma exacerbations:** This part contains 6 risk factors for asthma exacerbation, which included (Uncontrolled asthma symptoms, medications; high (SABA) short acting beta agonist use if  $>1 \times 200$  dose canister /month, inadequate ICS, poor adherence, Incorrect inhaler technique, comorbidities, and exposure, context)

**Part (4): Complications of asthma:** This included (pneumonia, respiratory infection, respiratory failure, status asthmatics, asthma exacerbation, lack of physical activity, fatigue, and sleep difficulties)

**Tool II: The Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) scale in adult , 2019:**

This scale used to assess the level of asthma symptoms control in the past 4 weeks, It developed by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) was established in 1993 in collaboration with the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the World Health Organization, under the leadership of Drs Suzanne Hurd and Claude Lenfant,. It consists of four clinical parameters rated on two responses; one grade was awarded for the yes and zero to the no answer. The numerical results provide a score that represents an estimate of the level of asthma symptoms.

Scoring system, the total score can be categorized into 3 categories:

Well control asthma =the patients don't have any of these clinical parameters

Partly control asthma = if the patient has one to two of these clinical parameters

Uncontrolled asthma =when the patient complains from the presence of three to four clinical parameters.

**Tool III: Correct inhaler use educational methods: It included three parts:**

**Part I:** Nursing educational booklet: the instructions were developed by the researchers through reviewing of related literature. The instructions involved the knowledge about the correct technique inhaler device. This process included four parts: 1) the researcher interview each patient to provide a step-by-step explanation on how to use the inhaler device correctly; 2) the researcher's assurance that the patients used the inhaler device correctly; 3) error correction and reassessment by the researcher that the patients used the inhaler device properly; and 4) During the session, each patient was given a 'booklet' with photographs and instructions on how to correctly use an inhaler device in simple Arabic language to assist them to remember what they had learned.

**Part II:** Video education method: the researcher has presented this video which explains how to use an inhaler device correctly according to its type on the researcher's laptop. This video was developed by the pharmacy AIN shams university faculty containing comprehensive knowledge on how to use the inhaler device correctly. Every patient who has a cellphone can obtain a copy of the video. This session took about 10 minutes, after that there were 5 - 10 minutes for discussion and gave feedback

**Part III:** In this section, the researcher used a combination of a nursing educational booklet and a video teaching strategy about the correct use of inhaler device.

**Ethical considerations:**

Permission to conduct the study was obtained from the hospital authorities of chest Department at Assiut University Hospital. Prior to the initial interview, the researchers introduced themselves to patients who met the inclusion criteria; each potential patient was fully informed with the purpose and nature of the study, and then informed consent was obtained from participants who accept to participate in the study. The researchers emphasized that participation in the study is entirely voluntary and withdrawal from the study would not affect the care provided; anonymity and confidentiality were assured through coding the data.

**Tool validity**

Face validity was revised and checked by (5) experts from Medical-Surgical Nursing Staff and Medical staff at Assuit University. The experts revised the developed tools for clarity, relevance and comprehensive. Minor changes were done. Reliability was assessed by Cronbach's alpha = 0.90.

**Pilot study**

It was applied to 10% of the studied sample (8 patients) to assess the feasibility of the study and detect any difficulties needed to be handled. According to the results of this pilot study, the necessary changes were made.

**Data collection:** The data collection was done through the following phases:

**Preparatory phase:**

The researcher obtained an oral agreement from asthmatic patients for voluntary participation in the study.

The patients were divided into four groups, each with 20 individuals. To ensure a random distribution of patients, the odd numbers were assigned to the routine nursing instructions group and the group of patients who learned clinical correct use of inhaler through video only, while the even numbers were given to patients group who took the nursing educational booklet and those who learned through the video and the booklet for example, the first patient received routine nursing instructions, the second patient received nursing educational booklet, the third patient received clinical correct use of inhaler through video only, and the last received both educational booklet and video.

The researcher interviewed each patient individually to obtain the base line data that were established using patient assessment sheet (tool I part 1) , evaluate the medical data of the patients were evaluated using ( tool I part 2), Risk factors for asthma exacerbations were evaluated using ( tool I part 3), and asthma complications were evaluated using( tool I part 4). Then the level of asthma symptoms control in the past 4 weeks was assessed using (Tool II).

**Implementation phase:**

The first group of 20 patients got routine nursing instructions (the researcher did not participate in educating patients on correct inhaler use and they considered as a control group).

The second group of patients received a nursing educational booklet (Tool III part I); each patient received the instructions in one session. The session takes 15 and 30 minutes. There was a 5-minute discussion and feedback period after each session. Teaching was reinforced based on the needs of the patients to ensure that they understood. Each patient was given a copy of the teaching booklet, which was illustrated with photographs and instructions in simple Arabic language.

Patients in the third group were taught how to use the inhaler device correctly through video only on the researcher's laptop using (Tool III part II). Every patient who has a cellphone can obtain a copy of the video. This session took about 10 minutes, after that

there were 5 - 10 minutes for discussion and gave feedback

The twenty patients of last group received combination of a nursing educational booklet and a video teaching strategy about the correct use of inhaler device by the laptop of the researcher using (Tool III part III). All patients in this group can obtain a copy from the booklet and video. After showing the video and explain the educational booklet, there were 5 – 10 minutes for discussion and gave feedback. The collection of data lasted through the period from September 2020 to March 2021.

**Evaluation phase:**

After 3 months from the patient discharge from the hospital , the researcher met every patient in the four groups to evaluate the level of asthma control by using the **Global Initiative for Asthma scale (GINA), 2019 ( tool II)**. This interview was conducted at the chest outpatient clinic

**Statistical analysis**

The data were tested for normality using the Anderson-Darling test and for homogeneity variances prior to further statistical analysis. Categorical variables were described by number and percent (N, %), where continuous variables described by mean and standard deviation (Mean, SD). Chi-square test and fisher exact test used to compare between categorical variables where comparing between continuous variables was done by t-test and ANOVA, a two-tailed  $p < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant. All analyses were performed with the IBM SPSS 20.0 software

**Results:****Table (1): Frequency distribution of demographic characteristic for study groups of patients with bronchial asthma**

Demographic characteristic	Routine nursing care (n=20)		Booklet (n=20)		Video (n=20)		Booklet +video (n=20)		Total(n=80)		P. value
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	
<b>Age group:</b>											
20 < 55 years	6	30.0	6	30.0	10	50.0	6	30.0	28	35.0	0.451
≥ 55 years	14	70.0	14	70.0	10	50.0	14	70.0	52	65.0	
<b>Mean± SD</b>	49.2±11.91		52.6±13.31		47.35±8.31		44.5±12.18		48.41±11.74		0.170
<b>Gender:</b>											
Male	8	40.0	8	40.0	2	10.0	6	30.0	24	30.0	0.126
Female	12	60.0	12	60.0	18	90.0	14	70.0	56	70.0	
<b>Marital Status:</b>											
Single	2	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.5	0.080
Married	18	90.0	16	80.0	19	95.0	18	90.0	71	88.8	
Divorced	0	0.0	4	20.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	7	8.8	
<b>Level of education:</b>											
High education	2	10.0	0	0.0	1	5.0	0	0.0	3	3.8	0.079
Secondary education	2	10.0	2	10.0	4	20.0	2	10.0	10	12.5	
Read and write	8	40.0	4	20.0	5	25.0	10	50.0	27	33.8	
Illiterate	0	0.0	6	30.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	10	12.5	
Primary education	8	40.0	8	40.0	6	30.0	8	40.0	30	37.5	
<b>Occupation:</b>											
Employee	2	10.0	2	10.0	5	25.0	2	10.0	11	13.8	0.100
Farmer	4	20.0	2	10.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	9	11.3	
House wife	10	50.0	8	40.0	13	65.0	9	45.0	40	50.0	
Retired	1	5.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	1	5.0	6	7.5	
Industrial worker	2	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	20.0	6	7.5	
manual worker	1	5.0	4	20.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	8	10.0	
<b>Residence</b>											
Rural	12	60.0	12	60.0	8	40.0	14	70.0	46	57.5	0.274
Urban	8	40.0	8	40.0	12	60.0	6	30.0	34	42.5	

- Chi square test for qualitative data between the two groups

**Table (2): Frequency distribution of medical Data for study groups of patients with bronchial asthma**

	Routine nursing care (n=20)		Booklet (n=20)		Video (n=20)		Booklet +video (n=20)		Total (n=80)		P. value
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	
<b>Previous admission to hospital</b>	18	90.0	14	70.0	10	50.0	14	70.0	46	57.5	<0.001**
<b>Number of admission in the last year:</b>											
1.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	20.0	4	8.7	0.005**
2.00	12	60.0	8	40.0	0	0.0	10	50.0	30	65.2	
3.00	6	30.0	6	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	26.1	
<b>Age of bronchial asthma:</b>											
Less than 5 year	4	20.0	2	10.0	8	40.0	4	20.0	18	22.5	0.260
from 5-10 years	2	10.0	4	20.0	4	20.0	2	10.0	12	15.0	
More than 10 years	14	70.0	14	70.0	8	40.0	14	70.0	50	62.5	
<b>Patients condition at discharge:</b>											
Improved	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	80	100.0	-
<b>Presence of cough</b>											
Present	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	80	100.0	-

	Routine nursing care (n=20)		Booklet (n=20)		Video (n=20)		Booklet +video (n=20)		Total (n=80)		P. value
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	
<b>If yes how much you cough</b>											
Sometimes	4	20.0	8	40.0	6	30.0	6	30.0	24	30.0	0.005**
Moderate	6	30.0	0	0.0	10	50.0	4	20.0	20	25.0	
Severe	4	20.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	8	40.0	16	20.0	
Throughout the day	6	30.0	8	40.0	4	20.0	2	10.0	20	25.0	
<b>Shortness of breath:</b>											
Present	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	80	100.0	-
<b>Wheezing:</b>											
Present	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	80	100.0	-
<b>Chest tightness or pain:</b>											
Present	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	20	100.0	80	100.0	-
<b>Type of inhaler:</b>											
Dry powder inhaler	10	50.0	8	40.0	12	60.0	14	70.0	44	55.0	0.011*
Metered dose inhaler	4	20.0	10	50.0	8	40.0	6	30.0	28	35.0	
Dry powder inhaler & Metered dose inhaler	6	30.0	2	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	10.0	
<b>Chronic disease</b>											
Yes	16	80.0	14	70.0	8	40.0	16	80.0	54	67.5	
<b>If Yes</b>											
DM	10	50.0	8	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	18	22.5	<0.001**
Hypertension	16	80.0	12	60.0	8	40.0	16	80.0	52	65.0	0.022*
Cardiovascular disease	10	50.0	6	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	20.0	<0.001**
Neurological disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
DVT	0	0.0	2	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.5	0.104
Tumors disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	-

- Chi square test for qualitative data between the two groups

\* Significant level at P value < 0.05,

\*\* High significant level at P value < 0.01

Table (3): Frequency distribution of risk factors for asthma exacerbation for study groups of patients.

Risk Factor	Routine nursing care (n=20)		Booklet (n=20)		Video (n=20)		Booklet +video (n=20)		Total (n=80)		P. value
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	
Uncontrolled asthma Symptoms	20	100.0	8	40.0	18	90.0	20	100.0	66	82.5	<0.001**
Medication	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	2	2.5	0.104
high SABA use if >1*200 dose canister/ month	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	2	2.5	0.104
inadequate ICS	0	0.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	4	20.0	8	10.0	0.031*
Poor adherence	10	50.0	14	70.0	10	50.0	6	30.0	40	50.0	0.094
Incorrect inhaler technique	8	40.0	2	10.0	10	50.0	8	40.0	28	35.0	0.048*
<b>Comorbidity</b>											
Obesity	2	10.0	8	40.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	12	15.0	<0.001**
Chronic rhino Sinusitis	18	90.0	12	60.0	16	80.0	18	90.0	64	80.0	
Obesity&chronic rhino Sinusitis	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	4	5.0	
<b>Exposure</b>											
Smoking	12	60.0	4	20.0	12	60.0	12	60.0	40	50.0	<0.001**
Allergen Exposure	0	0.0	2	10.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	6	7.5	
Air pollution	8	40.0	8	40.0	4	20.0	6	30.0	26	32.5	
Smoking & Air pollution	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	2	2.5	
Allergen Exposure & Air pollution	0	0.0	6	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	7.5	

Risk Factor	Routine nursing care (n=20)		Booklet (n=20)		Video (n=20)		Booklet +video (n=20)		Total (n=80)		P. value
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	
Context											
Major psychological	14	70.0	14	70.0	8	40.0	14	70.0	50	62.5	0.124
Socioeconomic Problem	6	30.0	6	30.0	12	60.0	6	30.0	30	37.5	

- Chi square test for qualitative data between the two groups

\*Significant level at P value < 0.05,

\*\* High significant level at P value < 0.01

Table (4): Frequency distribution of complications for study groups of patients with bronchial asthma

Complications	Routine nursing care (n=20)		Booklet (n=20)		Video (n=20)		Booklet + video (n=20)		Total (n=80)		P. value
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	
Pneumonia	0	0.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	5.0	0.006**
Respiratory infection	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
Respiratory Failure	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	-
Status asthmatics	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	4	5.0	0.006**
Asthma Exacerbation	14	70.0	0	0.0	6	30.0	4	20.0	24	30.0	<0.001**
Lack of Physical activity	12	60.0	12	60.0	4	20.0	10	50.0	38	47.5	0.035*
Fatigue	16	80.0	12	60.0	6	30.0	8	40.0	42	52.5	0.008**
Sleep difficulties	12	60.0	8	40.0	8	40.0	12	60.0	40	50.0	0.362

- Chi square test for qualitative data between the two groups

- \*Significant level at P value < 0.05, \*\* High significant level at P value < 0.01

Table (5): Frequency distribution of asthma Symptom control according to (GINA guidelines, 2019) for study groups of patients with bronchial asthma before and after education (3 months)

Level of Asthma Symptom control	Routine nursing care (n=20)		Booklet (n=20)		Video (n=20)		Booklet +video (n=20)		P. value
	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	N.	%	
<b>Before education</b>									
Well Controlled	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.048*
Partly Controlled	2	10.0	0	0.0	4	20.0	0	0.0	
Uncontrolled	18	90.0	20	100.0	16	80.0	20	100.0	
<b>Mean ±SD</b>	3.5±0.69		3.9±0.31		3.4±0.82		3.3±0.47		0.014*
<b>After education (3 months)</b>									
Well Controlled	2	10.0	8	40.0	8	40.0	16	80.0	<0.001**
Partly Controlled	12	60.0	12	60.0	12	60.0	4	20.0	
Uncontrolled	6	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	
<b>Mean ±SD</b>	1.8±1.01		0.8±0.77		0.9±0.85		0.4±0.82		<0.001**

- Chi square test for qualitative data between the two groups

- One way Anova test quantitative data between the Three groups or more

\*Significant level at P value < 0.05,

\*\* High significant level at P value < 0.01

**Table (1):** Illustrates that more over two-thirds of patients in the routine, booklet, and both booklet and video (70%) are over fifty, while half of patients in the video (50%) are over fifty. More than half of patients at routine, booklet, video, and both booklet and video were female. In terms of marital status, the majority of the patients in each of the four study groups were married. Regard to education, two fifth

of routine nursing care, booklet, both booklet and video were primary education while more than one fifth of video group was primary education .more than two third of four study groups were housewives. More than half of the patients in the routine, booklet and both booklet and video groups lived in rural areas, whereas more than half of the video group

lived in cities. No significant difference between four groups and Sociodemographic data.

**Table (2):** Shows that over two-thirds of patients in the routine, booklet, and both booklet and video groups had asthma for more than ten years, while two-fifths in the video group had asthma for less than 10 years. All patients in four groups complain of cough, shortness of breath, wheezing and chest tightness or pain. Majority of patients in all study groups suffered from hypertension. There are high significant difference between four groups and previous admission to hospital, Number of admission in the last year, presence of cough, DM, Cardiovascular diseases.

**Table (3):** Shows that majority of patients in four groups had uncontrolled asthma symptoms .Half and more patients in three groups (routine, booklet, video) had poor adherence and more than one quarter in both booklet and video group. Half and less in four groups had incorrect inhaler technique .more than half and majority of patients in four groups had chronic rhino sinusitis. More than half and one fifth of patients exposed to smoking. More than two thirds and one fifth of patients suffered from asthma symptoms through major psychological status. There are high significant difference between four groups and chronic rhino Sinusitis, smoking & Air pollution

**Table (4):** Shows that majority of routine nursing care group had fatigue; over half of booklet group had lack of physical activity and fatigue. Two fifth of video group had sleep difficulties. More than half of both booklet and video had sleep difficulties. There are high significant difference between four groups and status asthmatics, asthma exacerbation, pneumonia.

**Table (5):** Shows that vast majority of patients in four groups had uncontrolled asthma symptoms before education .More than half of patients at routine, booklet and video had partly controlled asthma symptoms while majority of patients at both booklet and video had well controlled symptoms after education. There are high significant differences between four groups and asthma symptoms control after three months.

### Discussion:

Patient education is a crucial part of asthma management. An assessment of a patient's knowledge of medicine and how they use it may aid in detecting issues in therapy and improving therapeutic outcomes. (Elbanna et al., 2017)

The usefulness of video education and video instructions are becoming progressively common ways of providing inhaler education. Interventions using a combination of educational videos, checklists, leaflets and verbal instructions found that this type of

education significantly improved inhaler technique, additionally it was found to decrease attack frequency and dyspnea, and improved quality of life. (Schantz et al., 2018)

The aim of this study is to evaluate the effect of different nursing educational methods (video, educational booklet, video & booklet and routine care) on clinical improvement for asthmatic patients.

Based on the result of the present study, that more than two-thirds of patients in routine, booklet, both booklet and video are over the age of fifty, whereas half of patients in video are over the age of fifty. More over half of the patients at routine, booklet, video, and both booklet and video were female. The results were in the same line with Fawzi, 2013; in a study named Assessing Appropriate Use of Inhaler Devices among Asthmatic Patients, the majority of the study participants were female.

In terms of marital status, the majority of the patients in each of the four study groups were married. This result disagreed with Paulo et al., 2014) who stated that Suspected asthma prevalence differed according to marital status, with single, divorced, and widowed adults having higher rates.

Regard to education, two fifth of routine nursing care, booklet, both booklet and video were primary education while more than one fifth of video group was primary education. The current study finding disagreed with Simon et al., 2009; who mentioned that more than half of the patients had a high level of education, and it was discovered that patients with lower levels of education had worse asthma control than those with higher levels of education.

Regarding occupation; more than two third of four study groups were housewives. This findings agreed with Taponen et al., 2018 showed that Having frequent asthma symptoms or nighttime wake-ups as a result of asthma is linked to less favourable employment outcomes, such as unemployment and work disability.

Regarding residence, more than half of patients at routine, booklet and both booklet and video were lived in rural areas while more than half of video group was lived in urban areas. This finding agreed with Beata et al., 2015 who revealed that; quite a large population of asthma patients lives in urban areas.

Also, Edard et al., 2014; reported that; Patients with asthma who live in inner city environment are at a higher risk. Certain ethnic groups within a population, such as Americans of African or Spanish inheritance may have a greater frequency of severe asthma.

The current study showed that half and more of four group patients admitted to hospital previously. More than two-thirds of patients in the routine, booklet, and both booklet and video groups had been diagnosed



with asthma for more than ten years, while two-fifths of patients in the video group had been diagnosed with asthma for less than ten years. All patients in four groups complain of cough, shortness of breath, wheezing and chest tightness or pain. Majority of patients in all study groups suffered from hypertension.

**Henriette et al., 2014**; agreed with our study's findings and stated that Patients with numerous chronic illnesses had a threefold increased risk of any asthma-related hospital/ED admission, as well as a more than twofold increased risk of an unscheduled outpatient visit for urgent treatment of increasing asthma symptoms or an asthma attack.

**Harpe et al., 2015**; was also in the same line and mentioned that Comorbidities, such as chronic lung, psychiatric, and cardiovascular diseases are other risk factors.

The results of the current study revealed that the vast majority of patients in four groups had uncontrolled asthma symptoms .Half and more patients in three groups (routine, booklet, video) had poor adherence and in both the booklet and video groups, more than a quarter. Half and less in four groups had incorrect inhaler technique .more than half and majority of patients in four groups had chronic rhino sinusitis. More than half and one fifth of patients exposed to smoking. More than two thirds and one fifth of patients suffered from asthma symptoms through major psychological status.

From researcher opinion, poor adherence of patients is due to Limited access of the patient to appropriate health care and lack of education about appropriate management strategies.

**Paulo et al., 2014**; was agreed with the findings of the study and stated that incorrect inhaler technique in asthma treatment can significantly diminish medication deposition in the lungs, compromising asthma treatment effectiveness and being linked to poor asthma control, according to research. Smoking is another key element that influences the development of sickness in our patients.

Also **Solet et al., 2019**; was in the same line and reported that the relationship between asthma and environmental elements like moisture or cockroaches, as well as the usage of insecticide sprays at home

**Ennifer et al., 2016** revealed that Poor adherence to prescribed treatments is a key risk factor for asthma that is both near fatal and lethal. Excessive use of b2-agonists, concurrent use of b-blockers, and failure to prescribe or administer inhaled corticosteroids (ICSs) as a primary therapy are all examples of inadequate treatment. The patient's recent cessation of oral corticosteroids (OCSs) indicate that a severe exacerbation is more likely.

The current study's findings revealed that the majority of the routine nursing care group had fatigue, more than half of booklet group had lack of physical activity and fatigue. Two fifth of video group had sleep difficulties. More than half of both booklet and video had sleep difficulties.

**Maarten et al., 2018** was agreed with the researcher's opinion and reported that about two-thirds of patients have significant exhaustion, and fatigue determines disease-specific QoL independently.

**Sundbom , 2019** agreed with these findings which revealed that; In the Life Gene study, uncontrolled asthma was found to be a risk factor for all symptoms of insomnia. Sleep quality was negatively impacted by asthma-related comorbidity; in particular, the combination of uncontrolled asthma and any comorbidities was particularly unfavorable. Insomnia symptoms and uncontrolled asthma were both linked to chronic rhino sinusitis.

The present study illustrated that vast majority of patients in four groups had uncontrolled asthma symptoms before education. More than half of patients receive a booklet and a video as part of their regular care .had partly controlled asthma symptoms while majority of patients at both booklet and video had well controlled symptoms after education.

**Elbanna et al., 2017** was in keeping with the findings of the current study, which demonstrated that; the educational intervention resulted in considerable improvements in asthma knowledge and asthma control. .Asthma education provided by the family increase the level of asthma knowledge in adult patients with mild to moderate asthma.

Also, **Beata et al., 2015**; mentioned that education for both women and men. Understanding the basics of asthma and how to treat it has a positive impact on quality of life and asthma control. Educational strategies that try to promote patient awareness may not always result in improved lung function or the need for medical intervention. The use of interactive education can help improve asthma therapy.

Finally, it can be concluded that several nursing educational methods can be used to educate asthmatic patients assist the patient to manage the disease in terms of improving asthma patients' knowledge, controlling episodes of asthma, preventing acute and chronic complications.

#### **Limitation of the study:**

The majority of patients who received video did not have access to a laptop or smartphone, thus they only saw the video once on the researcher's laptop.

#### **Conclusion:**

The group of patients who received the video and the booklet had a statistically significant effect on improving the level of asthma symptoms control.

**Recommendation:**

All patients with asthma should be provided with written and visual information about the correct use of inhalers to reduce complications arising from the incorrect use of inhalers.

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