

AIR

Multnomah County Asthma Inspection Referral Program

Information for Medical Providers

<http://www.multco.us/air>

The Asthma Inspection Referral Program (AIR) is a web-based referral system, allowing doctors, nurses or other health professionals to refer their Multnomah County pediatric patients with asthma for a home inspection, conducted by an Environmental Health Specialist.

The Multnomah County Environmental Home inspector is trained to identify asthma triggers which are covered in the county rental housing code, including mold and chronic dampness, leaks, pest infestations, drafty doors & windows, no heat, poor ventilation and damaged carpeting.

AIR inspectors work with the families and with permission of the family, with landlords to eliminate these poor housing conditions.

How It Works

Health institutions register to use the AIR web-based referral system. To register go to: <http://www.multco.us/air>

Once registered, your organization will receive a user name and password.

When making a referral:

- ◆ Currently AIR is only available in Multnomah County so, confirm Multnomah County residency.
- ◆ Obtain patient consent. AIR has a standard downloadable consent form on the website, or your organization may develop one.
- ◆ Discuss housing conditions that may be contributing to poor health.
- ◆ AIR conducts the inspection and the family is notified of any violations or asthma triggers.
- ◆ Referring parties receive automatic notice that an inspection has been completed, and have on-line access to review the inspection report.
- ◆ The inspector gives the family information specific to their home about asthma triggers, and points on how to remedy them. If given permission to contact the landlord, the inspector works to achieve compliance with the appropriate rental housing code.

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