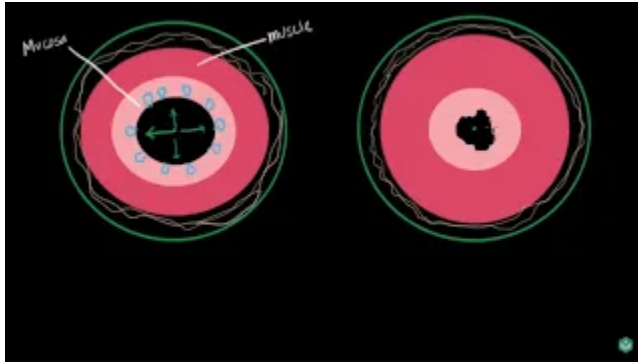


## Asthma

According to the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology asthma results in 439,000 hospitalizations and 1.3 million emergency room visits annually. Asthma is the most common chronic illness in childhood, accounting for 13.8 million missed school days each year. Due to the prevalence of asthma, EMS personnel should understand the pathophysiology of the disease process and why some patients with asthma are at a significantly higher risk than others. EMS personnel must also be able to rapidly recognize and appropriately treat patients with moderate to severe asthma.

### [Asthma Pathophysiology Video](#)



### [Asthma Treatment Video](#)



### [Breathing Difficulty Protocol](#)