

# **Dissemination and implementation of national asthma guidelines**

## **Vision**

Imagine a decrease in the severity of asthma throughout South Africa. All people who are affected by asthma are diagnosed early and well controlled on medication. Patients are able to function optimally without absence from school or work due to asthma. Hospitals notice a significant decrease in emergency care and admissions for asthma. There is a significant decrease in mortality from asthma.

## **Mission**

In support of this vision, this project aims to disseminate and implement a national asthma guideline taking cognizance of the known barriers to optimal asthma care and the successes and failures of different strategies used to influence the behaviour of health care workers and patients. All doctors, nurses and pharmacists, both state and private, especially primary care, know of NAEP, and are using them on a regular basis to both diagnose asthma early and manage it appropriately.