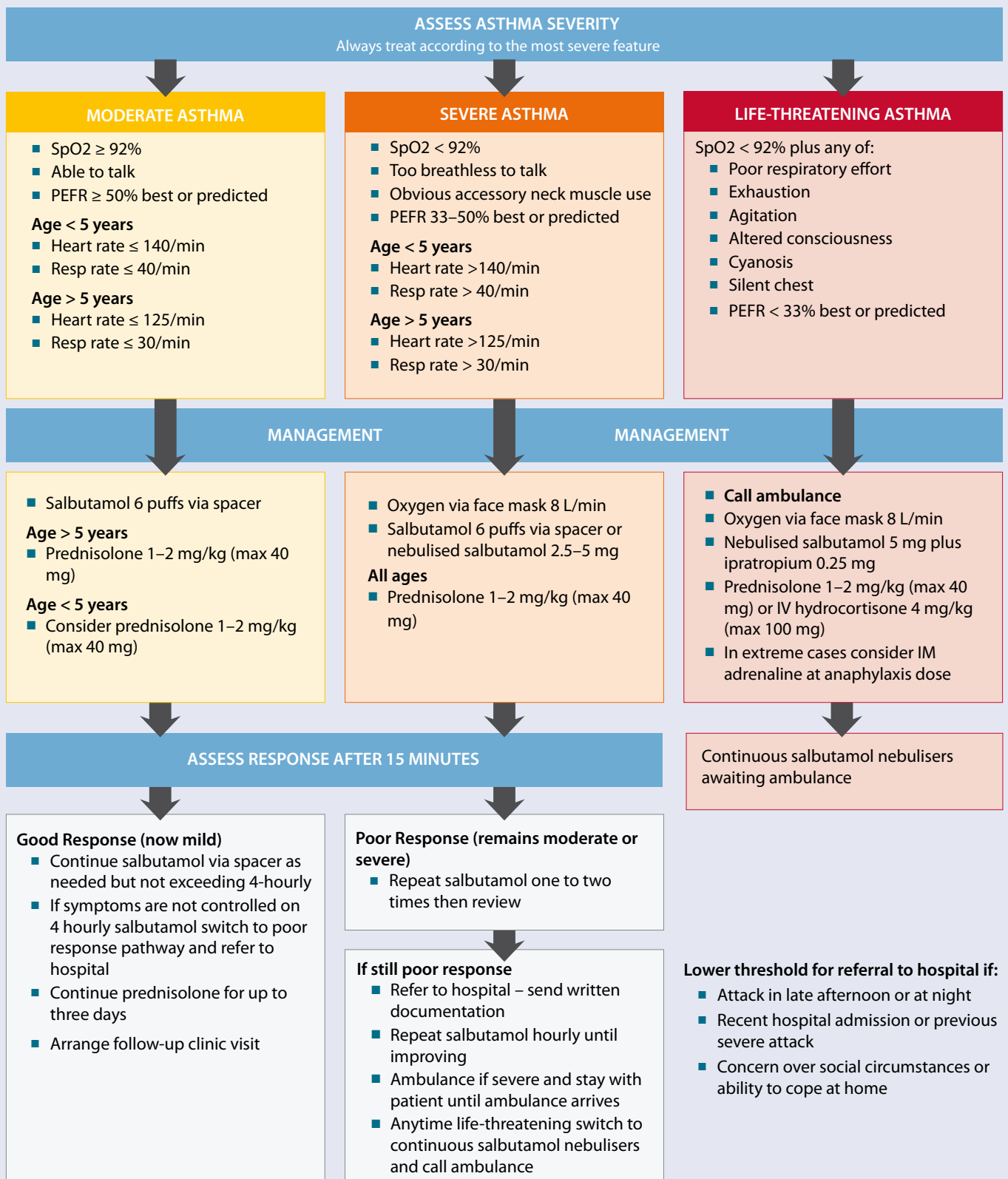


Management of acute asthma in children in primary care (Adapted from BTS/SIGN, 2011)<sup>3</sup>



**Notes:**

If a patient has signs and symptoms across categories, always treat according to their most severe features

Usual salbutamol dose is six puffs via spacer. Ten puffs may be used in children aged over six years if desired.

Nebulisers are not more effective than MDI via spacer but are recommended for life-threatening asthma to maintain continuous oxygen therapy.

Studies in children aged under five years have not shown that prednisolone prevents hospital admission in this age group. However, prednisolone is still recommended for severe asthma.

This flow chart is adapted from the 2011 BTS/SIGN guideline to reflect usual New Zealand dosages and practice.