

The Hidden Cost of Asthma

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burden of disease
\$24.7bn

this includes the effect of disability and premature death



healthcare
\$1.2bn

costs to the health system, including medication, hospital and out-of-hospital costs



productivity

\$1.1bn

in productivity losses including lost wages for people with asthma



time off

2.1

more days off work for people with asthma



carers

\$72.9m

in lost wages for carers



support

\$289.4m

in income support for carers of people with asthma



1 in 10 Australians have asthma



45%¹

have poorly controlled asthma



Sources: The Hidden Cost of Asthma – Deloitte Access Economics, November 2015

¹ Reddel H, Sawyer S et al. (2015) Asthma control in Australia: a cross-sectional web-based survey in a nationally representative population. Medical Journal Australia, 202 (3), p452-457

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