

Checklist for Initiation of Biologics

Aim	Assessment	Personnel Involved
1. Confirm diagnosis of severe asthma	Asthma that remains uncontrolled despite: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximal inhaled therapy • Optimisation of all other treatable factors and comorbidities, including adherence 	Pulmonologist and multidisciplinary team (asthma nurse, Pharmacist)
2. Assess asthma phenotype and relevant comorbidities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allergic • Eosinophilic • Mixed allergic and eosinophilic • Non-T2 	Pulmonologist, multidisciplinary team for relevant co-morbidities
3. Choosing the right biologic therapy for patient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asthma phenotype • Co-morbidities • Lung function • Steroid dependence • Patient preference • Financial 	Pulmonologist, asthma nurse, pharmacist
4. Biologic counselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disease education • Importance of continued adherence to inhalers • Dosing (2-weekly, 4-weekly or 8-weekly) • Expected benefits • Potential side effects • Medication interactions • Self-injection technique (start from 4th dose or earlier depending on patient's comfort) • Medication storage 	Pharmacist, Asthma nurse
5. Financial counselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-pay • Private insurance coverage • Medifund eligibility 	Asthma nurse, pharmacist, medical social worker