

**Table 1 Factors influencing adherence of physicians (n = 61) to the National Protocol for Management of Asthma**

Factor	No.	%
Physicians who:		
Had heard of the protocol	50	82.0
Had read the protocol	45	73.8
Had been trained on the protocol	21*	46.7
Agreed/strongly agreed with the protocol	44*	97.8
Thought that classification of asthma severity was difficult	28*	62.2
Could demonstrate proper use of PFM	30	49.2
Had the ability to interpret readings of PFM	39	63.9
Thought that adherence to protocol improved outcome	51	83.6
Had insufficient supplies of essential needs	38	62.3
Had enough time to manage cases properly	30	49.2
Said their patients were not satisfied with care	18	29.5
Said their patients had misconceptions about asthma medications	34	55.7
Said no language barriers influenced adherence	48	78.7
Current edition used by physicians*		
1 <sup>st</sup>	22	48.9
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20	44.4
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2	4.4
Frequency of reviewing the protocol*		
Weekly	5	11.1
Every 3 months	13	28.9
Every 6 months	9	20.0
Yearly	5	11.1
Once	13	28.9

\*Of the 45 physicians who read the protocol.

PFM = peak flow meter.