## The PULSAR checklist for severe asthma

## Do you have severe asthma?

Please consider the Clear (Red) and Concerning (Yellow) signs of severe asthma in the checklist below. Please put a "X" in the box next to any of the signs that apply to you. If any of the Clear (Red) signs apply to you or if you have put an "X" next to some of the Concerning (Yellow) signs and you are worried, please visit your doctor and share this information. The goal is to help you reduce your symptoms and improve your quality of life.

Clear signs		Concerning signs	
	I regularly visit the emergency services		I cannot do the things that I want to do,
	or have stayed in hospital		like exercise or household chores
	I am often absent from work or school		I often need help from someone to
	due to asthma		conduct my daily activities, like cooking
	I often feel that nothing works to help		or laundry
	with my symptoms		Asthma puts a stress on my relationships
	I often feel that asthma is controlling my		I am often forced to make unwanted
	life		changes to my daily life
	I am scared of dying from asthma		I often feel depressed or anxious due to
	My disease is unpredictable with regular		asthma
	asthma attacks (flare-ups)		I often feel isolated and alone
	I have symptoms that never go away		I often feel like I have a heavy weight
	I have had two or more sets of steroid		pushing down on my chest
	tablets in 12 months		My coughing often interferes with my
	I use my reliever/rescue medication		normal activities
	more than twice a week even though I		My symptoms often keep me awake at
	take my controller inhaler(s) and tablets		night
	I regularly use nebulizers to relieve my		I cannot walk upstairs without becoming
	symptoms		short of breath
			I forget to take my controller inhalers
			I am afraid of the side effects of my
			asthma medications