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Tucson, Ariz.—Describing asthma related outcomes in children identified by asthma screening is the topic of an article in the November issue of *Pediatrics* by Assistant Professor Joe Gerald, MD, PhD at the University of Arizona Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health.

The article, “[Asthma Morbidity Among Children Evaluated by Asthma Case Detection](#)” is based on research by Dr. Gerald and colleagues.

**What’s known on this subject**

Undiagnosed asthma among children is a significant problem, particularly in low income, urban populations. Asthma screening can identify many with asthma; however, the burden of symptoms and excess health care use in these children has not been well-defined. Because screening is expensive and time-consuming, it is important to understand how much benefit screening might offer these children.

**What this study adds**

This is the first report that compares respiratory symptoms, emergency department visits and hospitalizations among children whose screening result was confirmed by physician evaluation. Results indicate that compared with children without asthma, children with undiagnosed asthma have more symptoms but equal health care use. This suggests that the benefits of asthma screening may not be as large as previously thought.

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