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How Type 2 Inflammation contributes to asthma, COPD, and allergic conditions

(BPT) - Do you live with persistent, moderate-to-severe asthma, COPD, allergies, eczema or hives? Inflammation is often a major factor in the severity of your symptoms. It could also be a factor if your condition is hard to treat. When inflammation is severe and causes difficult-to-control symptoms, it's called Type 2 inflammation.

Type 2 inflammation could be the underlying cause of your condition. It could also be the reason you have more than one condition.

What is Type 2 inflammation? Type 2 inflammation is an overactive immune response that causes excess inflammation in the body. It plays a key role in many allergic, respiratory and skin diseases.

Type 2 inflammation is believed to be caused by genetic and environmental factors. It can be triggered by allergens (pollen, mold, dust mites, or pet dander) and irritants (pollutants). It can also arise from viruses and bacteria, weather changes, stress or exercise.



Sometimes inflammation may occur without an apparent trigger.

Health conditions that may be affected by Type 2 **CONTINUED on page 9**

Resolving to stay scam free in 2025

Many people's New Year's resolutions have come and gone by now but the Better Business Bureau recommends adding some resolutions to help make this year fraud-free:

I resolve to be caution with email. Be wary of unsolicited emails from a person or company. Scammers can make emails look like they are from a legitimate business, government agency or reputable organization. Never click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails.

I resolve never to send money



to strangers. If you haven't met a person face-to-face, don't send them money, especially if the person asks you to transfer funds using a prepaid debit card, gift card, or CashApp. Money sent this way is

untraceable, and once it is sent, there's no getting it back. Scammers will try to trick you into panicking so before making a move, think the situation through.

I resolve to do research before making online payments and purchases. Research the retailer before entering payment information. Ask: Is this a person or business I know and trust? Do they have a working customer service number? Where is the company located? Are payments made through a secure

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LaMoure County Activities

LAMOURE

<u>Fridays:</u> 1 PM: Craft day and Dominoes.

MARCH

Tuesday, March 11: 12:30 PM: "Happy Senior Club" monthly meeting.

Wednesday, March 12: 1 PM: Edgeley Bookmobile.

APRIL

Wednesday, April 9: 1 PM: Edgeley Bookmobile.

<u>Tuesday, April 15:</u> 12:30 PM: "Happy Senior Club" monthly meeting.

Watch The LaMoure Chronicle's Senior Moments for monthly potluck dates and times.

sources, it is not enough to cover all the costs of our corporation. The money received will help provide continued support and assistance to those supported by our programs. We are very appreciative for the support we already receive. If you would please consider a financial contribution to help meet the needs of our patrons, please fill out this form and return it to South Central Adult Services, PO Box 298, Valley City, ND 58072. ENCLOSED IS MY TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION: I would like my contribution of: _____\$ 25 ____\$200 _____\$ 50 _____\$500 \$100 \$Other For the purpose of: _Transportation Senior Meals Prescription Prescription Assistance Other Food Pantry In the county of: __Barnes _____LaMoure _____Foster _____Logan _____McIntosh ____Griggs _____Emmons In memory of: In honor of: May we publish your name? ____ Yes ____ No ___ Your thoughtful gift will be acknowledged to the person/family indicated:

Please consider us when making your charitable donation. South Central Adult Services is a non-profit corporation which receives support from North Dakota Aging Services and the Department of Transportation. Although they are funding

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LaMoure County Birthdays

LAMOURE

MARCH

Lois Bachynski: 3/16

Darlene Swiontek: 3/21

Nellie Brademeyer: 3/31

APRIL

Michelle Siegel: 4/20

James Robideau: 4/25

Eileen Feiken: 4/27





EDGELEY

MARCH

Richard Muslan: 3/2

Violet Podenski: 3/17

APRIL

Laurie Fossum: 4/18

Michelle Siegel: 4/20

KULM

MARCH

Lucille Anderson: 3/15

Edna Giesler: 3/22

APRIL

Arla Anderson: 4/18

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MARCH

No birthdays

APRIL

No birthdays

FREE IN-HOME SERVICES FOR SENIORS

Provided by Lutheran Social Services Senior Companions

- Bringing smiles & laughter
- Empowering seniors to remain living independently
 - Helping relieve loneliness and encouraging activity
 - Providing respite care for family caregivers

Contact LSS at 701-389-2293 or Andra at 883-5088 for more info.

LaMoure County Outreach March & April 2025

If you are in need of frozen meals, home-delivered meals or other services, call: 701-883-5088

Andra Jenkins, Outreach Worker, is available at 701-883-5088 for appointments.

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server (https://...com)? Have I checked to see if others have complained?

I resolve to use my best judgement when sharing my personal information. Sharing sensitive personal information with scammers opens the door to identity theft. Never share financial information, birthdate, address, Social Security/Social Insurance number, or Medicare number with an unsolicited caller.

I resolve to create strong, unique, passwords for each account. Using strong, varied passwords across accounts makes it harder for fraudsters to access multiple accounts if one is compromised.

I resolve to enable two-factor authentication. Adding this layer of security to accounts, specially those involving finances or personal data, greatly reduces the risk of unauthorized access.

I resolve to be social media smart. Use privacy settings on social media and only connect with people you know. Be careful about including personal information in your profile, and never reveal your address and other sensitive information. Scammers may use this information to make themselves pass as friends or relatives and earn your trust. Also, be careful when buying products you see on social media. The BBB has received thousands of complaints about misleading Facebook and Instagram ads.

I resolve to regularly check my financial statements. Committing to review bank and credit card statements can catch unauthorized transactions early.

I resolve to educate myself about the latest scams. Staying informed on emerging scams helps you recognize and avoid new fraud tactics.

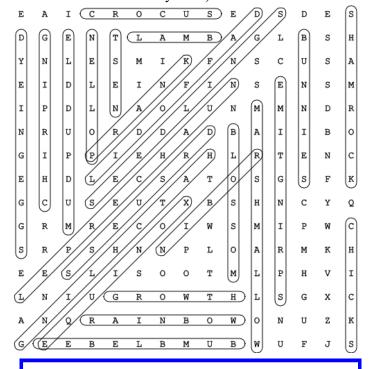
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ND SMP ADVISES ON HOW TO AVOID MEDICARE SCAMS

- Stay alert for requests for personal information like your Medicare or Social Security number
- Avoid sharing sensitive information over the phone or online
- Carefully review Medicare Summary Notices and Explanation of Benefits to make sure all charges are accurate
- Use a calendar or journal to track your medical appointments for reference
- If something seems suspicious, speak up! Start by contacting your healthcare provider to confirm if it's a billing error

Report Medicare Scams - such as unauthorized use of your Medicare number or suspicious billing - by contacting the ND Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-833-818-0029. For non -Medicare fraud issues, contact the ND Attorney General at 1-800-472-2600.

(Information provided in part by bbb.org and ND SMP Scam of the Month - January 2025)



South Central Adult Services Council, Inc.

makes available all services without regard to race, color, national origin, or handicap, and is subject to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title V Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and all related laws and regulations. The South Central Adult Services Council, Inc., is an Equal Opportunity Employer. South Central Adult Services Council, Inc. holds quarterly board meetings on the 3rd Monday of February, May, August & November. All meetings are open to the public at 139 2nd Ave SE in Valley City, ND. Call in advance to reserve a meal at 1-800-472-0031.

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inflammation include:

- * Moderate to severe asthma
- * Eosinophilic asthma
- * COPD
- * Aspirin-Exacerbated Respiratory Disease (AERD)
 - * Allergic rhinitis
 - Severe chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps (CRSwNP)
 - * Chronic urticaria (chronic hives)
 - * Moderate to severe atopic dermatitis (eczema)
 - * Food allergies
 - * Eosinophilic esophagitis (EoE)
 - * Sleep apnea

Symptoms involving Type 2 inflammation vary depending on your condition. Chronic inflammation can lead to long-term symptoms and tissue damage if it is not well managed.

What is the science behind Type 2 inflammation? Type 2 inflammation can be driven by high levels of antibodies called immunoglobulin E (IgE). It can also be driven by high levels of eosinophils, a type of white blood cell.

IgE is designed to help the body fight off allergens, certain irritants, and parasitic infections. It binds to immune cells such as mast cells and basophils that trigger the release of histamine and proteins called cytokines. This can cause Type 2 inflammation that is severe and chronic, especially in allergic conditions.

Other key cytokines (called IL-4, IL-5 and IL-13) recruit and activate the eosinophils. When there are

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- Housekeeping
- 24 Hour on-site personnel
- Bathing Assistance
- 24 Hour Urgency Response (Lifeline)
- ❖ RN on call 24/7
- Medication Set-up, Medication Assistance and Medication Reminders
- Open clinic Monday Friday 10:30-11:30 AM
- Activity Programming and group outings
- Transportation Services

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too many eosinophils in the blood, they can contribute to severe or ongoing Type 2 inflammation. How do you know if you have Type 2 inflammation? If you think your condition is affected by Type 2 inflammation, talk with a doctor, preferably a

specialist such as an allergist. Doctors can diagnose Type 2 inflammation through blood tests that measure IgE and eosinophil levels. High levels indicate that Type 2 inflammation is present.

If you have asthma or COPD, a breathing test for your lungs called fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO) can also indicate Type 2 inflammation.

What treatments are recommended for Type 2 inflammation? Medications are available for people with diseases caused or worsened by Type 2 inflammation. Biologics are increasingly prescribed to help treat these conditions. They are used when standard treatments like corticosteroids or antihistamines are not effective. Biologics work at the cellular level, with the goal of stopping symptoms before they can start. They aim to reduce the levels of IgE and/or eosinophils that cause inflammation in the body.

It's important to work together with your doctor to decide what course of treatment is best for you. Consider the severity of your symptoms and discuss what previous medications or treatments you have tried. Your healthcare provider can help you find out if Type 2 inflammation is connected to your medical condition.

Learn more at Type2Inflammation.org.

Frozen Meals Available

Frozen meals are available to elderly people who are unable to shop and prepare meals, and where hot home-delivered meals are not available every day.

The meals are labeled with instructions for heating. A serving of bread, butter, milk, and dessert is included for each meal.

Contact your outreach worker or your Senior Center for more information.

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LaMoure County Transit

Fargo

Every Thursday - \$18 round trip

Bismarck

Monday thru Friday \$18 round trip

Jamestown/Valley City

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday - \$10 round trip Call (701) 883-5088 or Cell phone: (701) 830-9829

Oakes

Upon request - \$8 round trip

Aberdeen/Ashley/Wishek

Upon request - \$10 round trip

In town rides (LaMoure)

Monday thru Friday - \$2 round trip Call (701) 883-5088

Kulm area rides call Dispatch at Cell phone (701) 830-2105

Main Office, at (701) 883-5088

For more information, be sure to visit www.southcentraltransitnetwork.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ southcentraltransitnetwork

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Senior Companions

An opportunity to volunteer and earn a tax-free stipend!

The purpose of the Senior Companion Program is "to engage persons 60 and older, particularly those with limited incomes, into volunteer service to provide supportive, individualized service to help elderly adults with special needs maintain their dignity and independence."

Income eligible Senior Companions earn a tax - free stipend, paid training, vacation, sick and holiday time. Senior Companions also receive monthly in-service training, recognition at special events and the satisfaction of helping other elderly adults.

For more information, please contact Justine Irakiza, at 701-205-2690 Justine.irakiza@lssmn.org

Renter Refunds and Property Tax Credit options available

PRIMARY RESIDENCE CREDIT

The Primary Residence Credit (PRC) provides all North Dakota homeowners with the option to apply for a state property tax credit through the North Dakota Office of State Tax Commissioner. Homeowners with an approved application may receive up to a \$500 credit against their property tax obligation.

To be eligible for the credit:

- * You must own a home (house, mobile home, town home, duplex, or condo) in North Dakota, and reside in it as your primary residence.
 - * There are no age restrictions or income limitations for this credit.
 - * Only one Primary Residence Credit is available per household.

Apply online by March 31, 2025 at tax.nd.gov/prc or call Andra Jenkins at 701-883-5088.

Those applying for the credit may be eligible to apply for more than one type of property tax credit, including the Homestead Property Tax Credit and the Disabled Veterans Property Tax Credit.

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

The Homestead Property Tax Credit property tax credits available to eligible North Dakotans. The credit reduces the homeowner's taxable value depending on the homeowner's income. The maximum reduction may vary from \$4,500 to \$9,000.

Homeowners must be 65 years of age or older or be permanently disabled. To be eligible for this program, you (the homeowner) must:

- Live at and be invested in the property
- Not have income that exceeds \$70,000, including the income of your spouse and any dependents, for the calendar year preceding the assessment date.

The homeowner does not qualify to receive the credit if the homestead is rented while the owner is temporarily absent, or the homestead is a farm structure. The Homestead Property Tax Credit reduces the homeowner's taxable value according to the following:

If your income is:	\$0 - \$40,000	\$40,001 - \$70,000
Taxable value is reduced by:	100%	50%
Maximum reduction of taxable value:	\$9,000	\$4,500
Maximum reduction of true & full value	· \$200 000	\$100,000

Interested in applying? Contact the LaMoure County Tax Equalization Office or your city assessor's office. Homeowners must apply for a property tax credit by March 31.

Do you need more information or assistance applying? South Central Adult Services can help. Call Andra Jenkins at 883-5088 to set up an appointment today.

RENTERS REFUND

The Renter's Refund program provides a partial refund on rent for a renter's place of residence or a mobile home lot. Refunds can be up to \$400. To be eligible for this program, you (the renter) must:

- Be 65 or older (or have a permanent disability)
- Have income of \$70,000 or less, including the income of your spouse and any dependents, for the calendar year preceding the assessment date.
- Have annual rent payments that are a certain percentage of your income. If 20% of your annual rent exceeds 4% of your annual income, you will receive a refund for the over payment. Refunds can be up to \$400.

For more information or to get an application, go to www.tax.nd.gov/renter. You may also call the State Tax Commissioner at 1-877-328-7088 option 5. If you need assistance with Rent Refunds, call Andra Jenkins at 883-5088. Renters must apply for by May 31, 2025.

South Central Adult Services serves the counties of Barnes, LaMoure, Foster, Logan, McIntosh & Griggs

701- 845-4300 or 1-800-472-0031

Check out our website: www.southcentralseniors.org

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Edgeley Senior Center 604 Main Street Edgeley, ND 58433 701-493-2569

Kulm Senior Center 3 First Avenue SW Kulm, ND 58456 701-647-2258

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