

293 Patients with asthma attacks in emergency department assessed for eligibility

22 Did not meet inclusion criteria  
2 Death before inclusion  
4 No informed consent

265 Randomized

132 Assigned to PCT group

133 Assigned to control group

1 Died  
1 Withdraw from study  
2 Lost to follow-up

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128 Completed follow-up at 6 weeks

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