# When it comes to asthma, your lungs have a lot to say.

Sharing your symptoms with your doctor is the best way to identify and treat your type of asthma. Did you know that about 70% of people with severe asthma may have eosinophilic asthma?

Ask if your symptoms could mean you have eosinophilic asthma.

## **Speak to your doctor** - Identifying poor symptom control is important for you and your doctor, especially if you:<sup>1,2</sup>



Use a rescue inhaler to control your asthma symptoms three or more times a week?<sup>1,2</sup>



Wake up at night because of your asthma symptoms more than once a week?<sup>1.2</sup>

Taken or been injected steroids for your asthma symptoms two or more times in the last year?<sup>2</sup>



GIVE YOUR LUNGS A VOICE

Experienced an asthma attack that required unexpected medical care in the past year?<sup>1,2</sup>

## These questions can help you and your doctor identify and treat your type of asthma.

- **1.** Could white blood cells such as eosinophils be a reason for my asthma symptoms?
- 2. Should I get a blood test done to see if high eosinophil counts are associated with my asthma symptoms?
- **3.** Should I see an asthma specialist, such as an allergist or a pulmonologist? (If you're talking to your primary care physician)
- 4. Does my treatment need to change if I have eosinophilic asthma?

# Keep this sheet.

It may be helpful during a discussion with your doctor.

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#### Material for patients

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