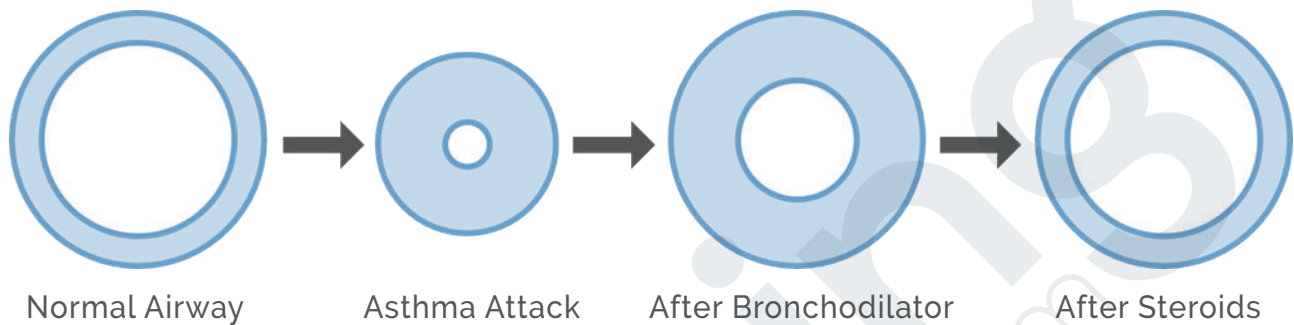


ASTHMA MEDICATIONS

Always give Bronchodilators before Corticosteroids in an Acute Asthma Attack. This allows better airflow into the lungs, therefore, better access for the steroids.



Bronchodilators

- Beta 2 Agonists cause smooth muscle relaxation in the airways, allowing bronchodilation
 - i.e. Albuterol, Formoterol
- Anticholinergics block acetylcholine in the airways, allowing relaxation of the smooth muscle
 - i.e. Tiotropium, Ipratropium Bromide

Corticosteroids

- Inhaled Corticosteroids decrease inflammation in the mucous membranes of the airways
 - i.e. Budesonide