

# NATIONAL ASTHMA RESEARCH AGENDA



## THE PROBLEM

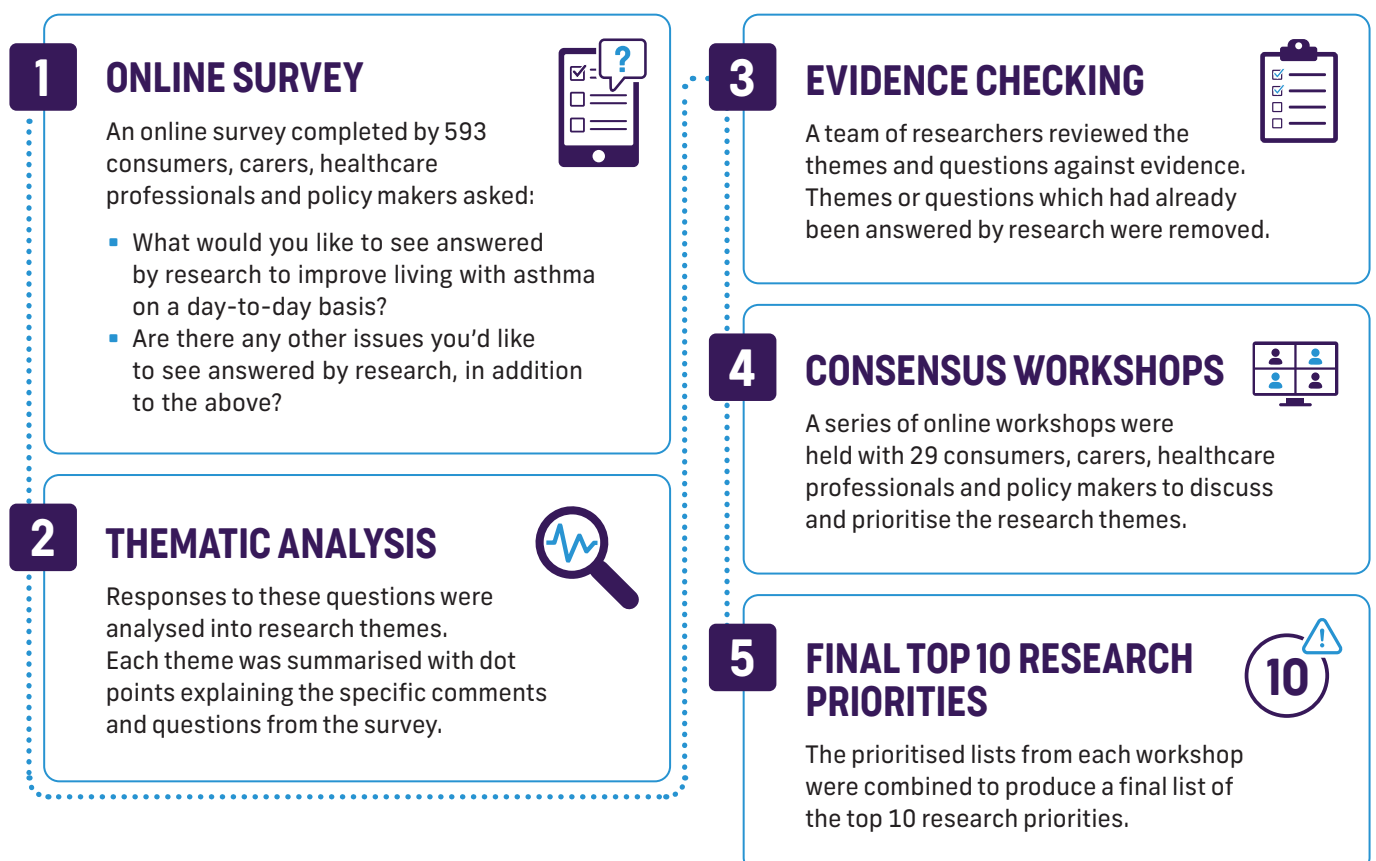
The 2018 National Asthma Strategy (NAS) highlighted the need for a National Asthma Research Agenda to help **“focus, coordinate and translate quality health research into policy and practice.”** The NAS identified research as a key enabler of progress in Australia but emphasised there is a lack of overarching strategic direction.

Asthma Australia aimed to establish a research agenda based on the needs of people with asthma, carers, healthcare professionals and policy makers. This aims to understand and support investment in the areas that are most important and valuable to the end users of asthma research.

**We want to know what really matters to people who live with asthma, who care for someone with asthma, or who treat people with asthma.**

## THE METHODS AND PARTICIPANTS

We followed an adapted James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership process. This included:



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-  **Asthma in children**
-  **COVID-19 and asthma**
-  **Asthma care and self-management**
-  **Diagnosis and medication**
-  **Managing asthma attacks**
-  **Causes, prevention and features of asthma**
-  **Mental health**
-  **Asthma and ageing**
-  **Severe asthma**
-  **Asthma and other health conditions**

The final National Asthma Research Agenda describes the top 10 research priorities. Whilst the overarching themes may appear broad, this is a powerful and rich list with the potential to influence research investment and get more out of our collective efforts in asthma. Each theme captures a range of specific questions and narrative, gathered through the online survey.



## WHAT NEXT AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We hope the National Asthma Research Agenda will influence research funding and policy decisions in Australia; support increased investment in and attention to priority issues identified by the end users of asthma research; and facilitate conversations about the necessary research investment to address these priorities.

We look forward to working with research organisations and funding bodies across Australia to realise the potential of this important work.

**To hear more about the project, or discuss how you can use these priorities, please contact [research@asthma.org.au](mailto:research@asthma.org.au)**

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