



Speaking from Experience Asthma in Adults

Transcript for chapter 2 of 12: Family history

De: Of my immediate family, everyone except my mother is asthmatic; so about eighteen or nineteen of us.

Arthur: I'm sure that none of my parents or their brothers or sisters have ever had asthma.

Margaret and Michael: My uncles suffered badly from it. One of my uncles actually died of an asthma attack. And my oldest brother has chronic asthma as well. He probably was worse as a child than I was, and as he has grown up, he hasn't grown out of it but it's more controlled perhaps than mine.

John: There was an uncle that had it, but none of my grandparents or my parents themselves.

Margaret and Michael: We have four children and they all suffer from asthma, in varying degrees.

Glenda: My mother is ninety, and she has a memory of an aunt who had a weak chest, according to family annals. So we really don't know. My sister got asthma, but nearly to the extent that I did. But what's quite interesting I think, is that out of her four children, three of them were asthmatics. And out of my three, only one.