

**Table 2 Physicians' perceptions of barriers affecting adherence to the asthma protocol**

Barrier	No. <sup>a</sup>	%
Lack of essential medications	15	40.5
Non-compliant patients	12	32.4
Insufficient time	10	27.0
Lack of training	8	21.6
Lack of instruments	7	18.9
Shortage of manpower	5	13.5
Unavailable protocol	4	10.8
Lack of health education	4	10.8
No appropriate coordination with hospital	3	8.1
Patient wants referral	1	2.7
No asthma record	1	2.7
Lack of nurses trained in asthma care	1	2.7
Improper follow-up system	1	2.7

<sup>a</sup>Total 37 physicians who responded to the open question out of 61 primary health care physicians.