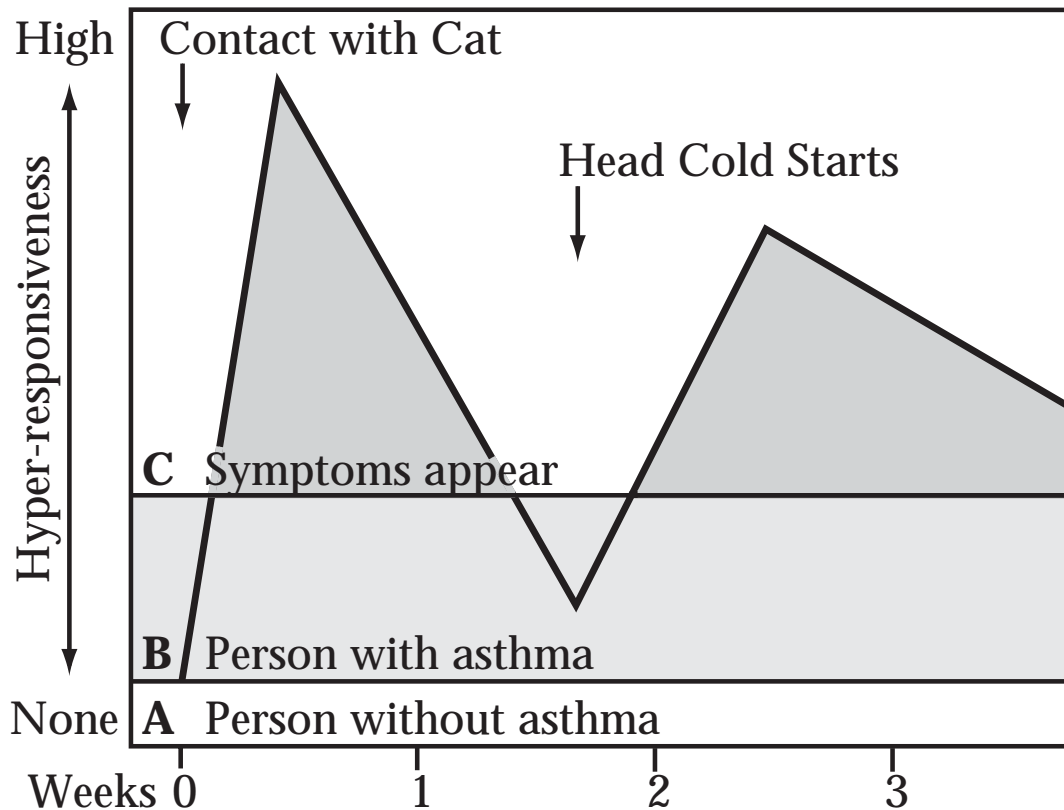


Effects of Triggers are Long-lasting and Additive



This graph shows that people without asthma have normally responsive airways, level A. People with asthma always have some hyper-responsiveness, level B. Contact with a cat increases the hyper-responsiveness of the airways and causes symptoms to appear, level C. Though the symptoms disappear within ten days, the hyper-responsiveness lingers. This makes a person more susceptible to additional triggers. Development of a head cold causes symptoms to reappear and prolongs the duration of hyper-responsiveness.