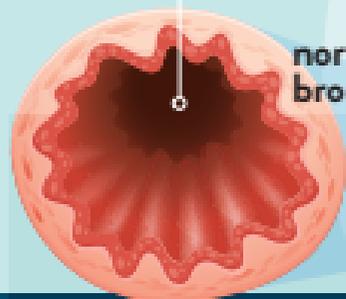


# ASTHMA BASICS

BRONCHIAL TUBES ARE PASSAGEWAYS INSIDE THE LUNGS

Without asthma, smooth muscles around the bronchial tubes are relaxed. The thin tissue allows for easy airflow.



normal  
bronchial tube

With asthma, smooth muscles around the bronchial tubes may swell and narrow. Air passages become inflamed and mucus-filled, making air movement difficult.



inflamed bronchial tube

It's important for those with asthma to not just cope with symptoms, but to work toward taking active control of the disease. To learn more about asthma, visit [www.abbott.com](http://www.abbott.com) and the American Lung Association at [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org).

