

controlled by inhaled glucocorticoid therapy or chronic idiopathic urticaria not controlled by oral H₁ antihistamines.

A sequence for the management of allergic or perennial rhinitis based on an allergen-specific diagnosis and stepwise management as required for symptom control would include the following: (1) identification of the offending allergen(s) by history with confirmation of the presence of allergen-specific IgE by skin test and/or serum assay; (2) avoidance of the offending allergen; and (3) medical management in a stepwise fashion (**Fig. 352-4**). Mild intermittent symptoms of allergic rhinitis are treated with oral antihistamines, oral CysLT₁ receptor antagonists, intranasal antihistamines, or intranasal cromolyn. Moderate to more severe allergic rhinitis is managed with intranasal glucocorticoids plus oral antihistamines, oral CysLT₁ receptor antagonists, or antihistamine-decongestant combinations. Persistent or seasonal allergic rhinitis, rhinoconjunctivitis, or asthma that remains uncontrolled with maximal medical therapy merit consideration of allergen-specific immunotherapy.