

PRIMING AND CARE GUIDE FOR ASTHMA INHALATION DEVICES 2018

| Medication | Type | Priming | Cleaning | How to know when to discard |
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| Advair™ Diskus (fluticasone and salmeterol) | DPI | No priming necessary | Wipe mouthpiece with dry cloth. | Built in counter: numbers turn red when 5 doses left. Expires at date or 1 month after opening. |
| Advair™ HFA (fluticasone and salmeterol) | MDI | New: 4 test sprays away from face shaking well for 5 seconds before each spray. If not used for more than 4 weeks or if dropped; shake for 5 seconds, spray twice into the air. | Remove mouthpiece cap. Clean circular opening where medication comes from with dry cotton swab. Wipe inside of mouthpiece with damp tissue and allow to dry. Do not remove canister from actuator. | Built in counter |
| Alvesco™ HFA (ciclesonide) | MDI | New and not used for 10 days: 3 test sprays away from face. Note: do not shake. | Clean mouthpiece with clean, dry tissue weekly. | Dose indicator – moves every tenth puff. Turns red when 20 doses remaining. |
| Arnuity® Ellipta® (fluticasone furoate) | DPI | No priming necessary | Wipe mouthpiece with dry tissue. | Built in counter: left half of dose counter turns red when less than 10 doses left. |
| Asmanex™ Twister (mometasone) | DPI | No priming necessary | Wipe mouthpiece with dry cloth | Built in counter; cannot remove cap when empty |
| Asmanex™ HFA (mometasone) | MDI | New and not used for 5 days: Press firmly on canister to actuate 4 times. | Remove cap and wipe inside and outside of inhaler with dry cloth. NO water. Never remove canister from actuator. | Built in counter |
| Breo Ellipta (fluticasone furoate and vilanterol) | DPI | No priming necessary | Wipe mouthpiece with dry tissue. | Built in counter: left half of dose counter turns red when less than 10 doses left. |
| Dulera™ HFA (mometasone and formoterol) | MDI | New: 4 test sprays away from the face | No cleaning recommended | Built in counter |
| Flovent™ Diskus (fluticasone) | DPI | No priming necessary | Wipe mouthpiece with dry cloth. | Built in counter: Numbers turn red when 5 doses left. Expires at date or 6 weeks after opening for 50 mcg dose; 2 months for 100 & 250 mcg. |

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| Flovent™ HFA (fluticasone) | MDI | New: 4 test sprays away from face shaking well for 5 seconds before each spray. If not used for more than 7 days or if dropped; shake for 5 seconds, spray once into the air. | Remove cap. Clean circular opening where medication comes from with damp cotton swab. Repeat. Wipe inside of mouthpiece with damp tissue and allow to dry overnight. Do not remove canister from actuator. | Built in counter |
| Proair™ HFA (albuterol) | MDI | New and when not used for 2 weeks: 3 test sprays into air away from face | Clean sleeve weekly with warm water, shake, allow to dry before using | Built in counter |
| Proair RespiClick® (albuterol) | DPI, Breath actuated | No priming necessary. Do not take cap off inhaler until ready to use. Completely removing cap loads dose. Must hear a "click" for dose to be loaded fully. | Keep clean and dry. Never use water. Wipe mouthpiece with dry cloth if necessary. | Dose counter. Shows number of doses in units of 2. Turns red when 20 doses remain. Discard 13 months after opening the foil pouch or when dose counter shows "o" - whichever is first. |
| Proventil™ HFA (albuterol) | MDI | New and when not used for 2 weeks: 4 test sprays | Clean sleeve weekly by running water through, allow to dry before using. | Count doses |
| Pulmicort™ Flexhaler (budesonide) | DPI | When new only: Hold upright, twist and click brown grip at bottom two times. | Wipe mouthpiece with dry cloth | Built in counter in intervals of 10 (numbers and lines) which moves every 5 doses. |
| Qvar® Redihaler (beclomethasone) | Breath actuated inhaler | No priming necessary | Do not wash any part of inhaler in water, cleaning weekly with a dry cloth or tissue. | Built in counter: when there are 20 inhalations left numbers turn red. |
| Symbicort™ HFA (budesonide and formoterol) | MDI | New, not used for 7 days, or if dropped: Two test sprays, shaking well before each spray. | Wipe inside and outside of mouthpiece with clean, dry cloth. Do not take inhaler apart. | Built in counter. Discard at expiration date or 3 months after taken out of foil pouch. |
| Ventolin™ HFA (albuterol) | MDI | New, not used for 14 days or if dropped. Shake well, 4 sprays away from face, shaking well between sprays. | Clean sleeve weekly by running water through, allow to dry before using. Store upright. | Dose counter. Discard at expiration date or 12 months after taken out of foil pouch. |

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| Xopenex™ HFA (levalbuterol) | MDI | New and when not used for 3 days: Shake well and release 4 test sprays. | Clean sleeve weekly by running warm water through, allow to dry before using. Store with mouthpiece down. | Count doses |
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