

Symbicort® MART

Maintenance and Reliever Therapy
(Budesonide and Formoterol)
Metered dose inhaler with spacer



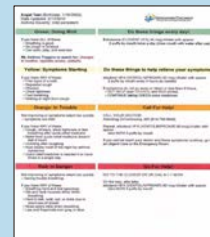
☐ 80/4.5 mcg



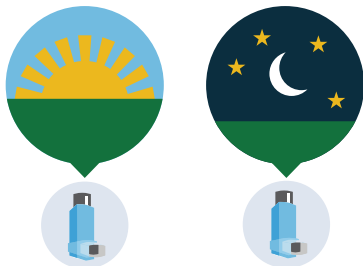
☐ 160/4.5 mcg

Reason for taking this medicine:

- This is a controller AND reliever medicine. It will help decrease swelling in the lungs (controller therapy) and treat coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath (reliever therapy).
- **This is a medicine that must be used every day to prevent asthma flare-ups and help control asthma symptoms. Use this medicine when you are in the green zone on your asthma action plan.**
- **You will also use this medicine as your reliever inhaler when you are in the yellow, orange and red zones on your asthma action plan.**

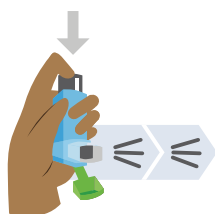


How and when to take this medicine:



- Use a spacer with this inhaler.
- Use 2 times each day: 2 puffs in the morning and 2 puffs in the evening.
- You will also use 1–2 puffs as needed for asthma symptoms.
 - 4–11 years old: maximum of 8 puffs per day
 - 12 years and older: maximum of 12 puffs per day

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The **first time** you use this inhaler:

- Shake and then push down on the inhaler 2 times to prime or waste the inhaler.
- Spray the medicine into the air.
- The dose counter should show “120.”

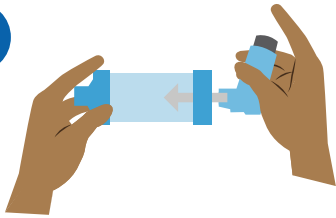


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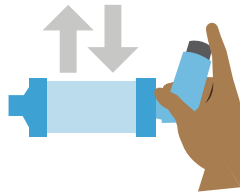
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Place the **inhaler** in the end of the spacer.

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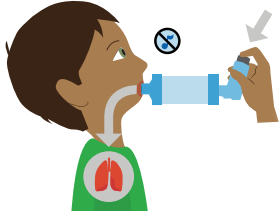
Shake well for 10 seconds.

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Turn your head to the side and **breathe out**.

5



Close your mouth around the mouthpiece of the spacer.

- Push down on the inhaler.
- **Take a slow deep breath.**
- If the spacer makes a whistle sound, breathe in slower.

6



Hold your breath for 10 seconds.

7



Wait 1 minute.

8



Repeat steps 3–6 for second puff.

Possible side effects:



- Dry mouth
- Sore throat
- Hoarse voice
- Headache
- Fast heartbeat
- Can make you hyper or cause your body to shake.

Call the doctor or clinic if:

- **You need to use more than 8-12 puffs in a day for your symptoms.**
- You are exposed to chickenpox or measles.
- You can see blood when you spit.
- You have white spots in the mouth, called thrush.
- You have questions about this medicine or how to use it.



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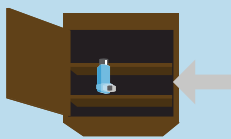
Important things to remember:



- **Rinse your mouth with water, brush teeth, or get a drink after every use. This can help avoid getting thrush.**
- Never put the metal canister in water.
- Clean plastic holder each week:
 - Symbicort® has a built-in dose counter; do not remove the metal canister.
 - Use a cotton swab to clean the opening where the medicine sprays out of the canister.

- Clean the spacer each week:
 - You may place this in the top rack of a dishwasher.
- OR
 - Soak in warm soapy water for 15 minutes.
 - Run water through it, shake off water, and set out to dry.
- Symbicort® has a dose counter to tell you when the inhaler is empty.
- Symbicort® may not last a full month if you need doses as reliever therapy.
- **Refill your inhaler when the dose counter shows “20.”**
- **Throw the inhaler away 3 months after taking it out of the foil pouch, even if you have not used it all.**

How to store:



- Store in a cool dry cabinet.
- Do not store in bathroom.
- **Keep out of reach of children and pets.**



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