



Allergy & Asthma Network
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Asthma Inhalers

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= includes built-in dose counter

Inhaled Bronchodilators

Inhaled bronchodilators relax tight airways (bronchoconstriction). Bronchodilators treat the noisy part of asthma: coughing, wheezing, choking and shortness of breath.

Atrovent[®] HFA
ipratropium bromide

Combivent[®]
ipratropium bromide and albuterol sulfate

Maxair[®] Autohaler[®]
pirbuterol acetate

ProAir[®] HFA
albuterol sulfate

Proventil[®] HFA
albuterol sulfate

Ventolin[®] HFA
albuterol sulfate

Xopenex[®] HFA
levalbuterol tartrate

Short-Acting Inhaled Bronchodilators (3-6 hours)

Foradil[®] Aerolizer[®]
formoterol fumarate inhalation powder

Serevent[®] Diskus[®]
salmeterol xinafoate inhalation powder

Important: Foradil and Serevent should NOT be used to treat acute symptoms of asthma.

Long-Acting Inhaled Bronchodilators (12 hours)

Inhaled Anti-Inflammatories

Inhaled corticosteroids and other anti-inflammatories reduce and prevent airway inflammation (swelling). Used daily, anti-inflammatories treat the underlying part of asthma that you may not feel or see.

Asmanex[®] Twisthaler[®]
110 mcg
220 mcg
mometasone furoate inhalation powder

Alvesco[®] HFA
80 mcg
100 mcg
ciclesonide

Flovent[®] Diskus[®]
50 mcg
100 mcg
250 mcg
fluticasone propionate inhalation powder

Flovent[®] HFA
44 mcg
110 mcg
220 mcg
fluticasone propionate HFA

Combination Medications

Combination medications contain both long-acting bronchodilator and inhaled corticosteroid components.

AeroBid[®], AeroBid[®]-M
fluticaside

Advair Diskus[®]
100/50
250/50
500/50
fluticasone propionate and salmeterol inhalation powder

Advair[®] HFA
45/21
115/21
230/21
fluticasone propionate and salmeterol

Dulera[®]
100/5
200/5
mometasone furoate and formoterol fumarate

Symbicort[®] (HFA)
80/4.5
160/4.5
budesonide and formoterol fumarate dihydrate

QUAR[®] (HFA)
40 mcg
80 mcg
beclomethasone dipropionate

Important: Advair, Dulera and Symbicort should NOT be used to treat acute symptoms of asthma.