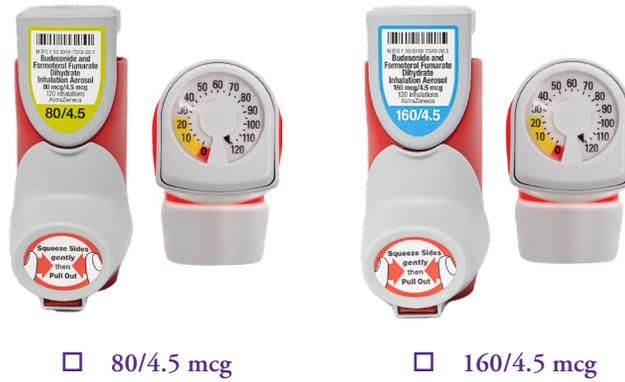
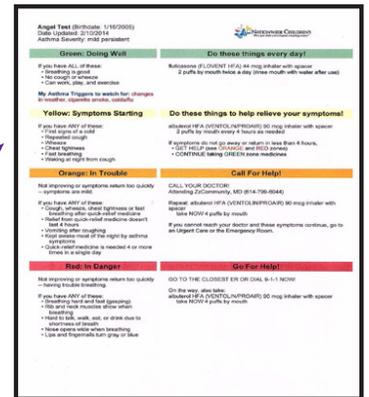


Symbicort®
–SMART
 Single Maintenance
 and Reliever Therapy
 (Budesonide
 and Formoterol
 with spacer)
 Metered dose inhaler

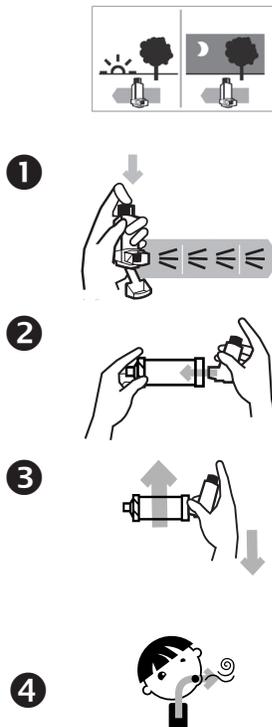


Reason for taking this medicine:

- 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 zone on your asthma action plan.**

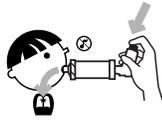


How and when to take this medicine:



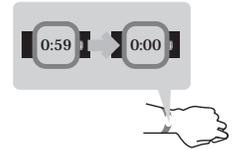
- Use a spacer with this inhaler.
 - Use 2 times each day – 2 puffs in the morning and 2 puffs in the evening
 - You will also use 1-2 puffs as needed for asthma symptoms.
 - 4-11 years old: maximum of 8 puffs per day
 - 12 years old and older: maximum of 12 puffs per day
1. The **first time** you use this inhaler:
 - Shake and then push down on the inhaler 4 times to prime or waste the inhaler.
 - Spray the medicine into the air.
 - Dose counter should show: “120.”
 2. Place the **inhaler** in the end of spacer.
 3. Shake well for 10 seconds.
 - **Turn your head to the side and breathe out.**
 4. 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.

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5. Hold your breath for 10 seconds.

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6. Wait 1 minute.

▪ 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.

Important things to remember:



Fill mouth with water



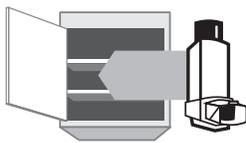
Swish around water



Spit out water

- Rinse your mouth out 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 the plastic holder each week:
 - Symbicort® has a built-in 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, 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 “020.”

How to store:



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