

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

How to use a Turbohaler with dose indicator

This leaflet will inform you how to use your Turbohaler with dose indicator.

Always read the patient information leaflet which comes with this inhaled medication.



This is a Turbohaler with a dose indicator. These come in different colours indicating different medicines.

If your inhaler contains steroid medication, remember to rinse your mouth out afterwards to prevent soreness.

The benefit of using your inhaler correctly is that your asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) will be controlled more effectively. Incorrect use of your inhaler may result in reduced control.

To effectively use your Turbohaler with a dose indicator follow this step-by-step guide:

1. Use only as prescribed.
2. Unscrew and lift off white cover.
3. Hold the Turbohaler upright and twist the grip, then twist it back again as far as it will go. You should hear a click. If using the device for the first time, it will need to be primed; twist the grip again as far as it will go until a second click is heard. The device is then ready for use. **This only needs to be done once, when first using the device.**

4. Breathe out gently away from the Turbohaler mouthpiece, put the mouthpiece between the lips and teeth and breathe in as deeply as possible. Even when a full dose is taken there may be no taste.
5. Do not breathe out into the Turbohaler as it is potentially susceptible to damp.
6. Remove the Turbohaler from the mouth and breathe out.
7. For a second dose repeat steps 2-3, **omit step 4**, then repeat steps **5-6**.
8. Replace white cover.

Cleaning of the Turbohaler

Wipe the mouthpiece only with a dry tissue/cloth. Never wash the device.

How to store the Turbohaler

Store away from extremes of temperature, in a safe place away from young children.

Replacement of Turbohaler

Do not use after the expiry date. The number of doses vary according to the drug strength. The small clear window begins to show red when approximately 20 doses are left. A red mark fills the window when the device empty.

General information

The Turbohaler contains desiccant to absorb any moisture. This can be heard when the device is shaken.

This is not the amount of drug remaining; even when empty the device can be heard when it is shaken.

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