Metered-Dose Inhaler with Spacer and Mask



Remove cap



Insert into spacer





Drink/brush teeth

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Shake inhaler



Press inhaler down ONCE

If another dose is prescribed

Wait 30 seconds repeat steps 2-5

How do I use my Metered-Dose Inhaler (MDI) with a spacer and mask?

- 1. Remove the cap from the inhaler.
- 2. Shake the inhaler.
- 3. Insert the mouthpiece of the inhaler into the opening at the end of the spacer.
- 4. Apply the mask to face so there are no leaks between face and mask. The valve should open with breathing. Depress the canister ONCE to allow medication to enter the spacer.
- 5. Encourage a slow deep breath and hold for up to 10 seconds. If not possible (infants and young children) have them breathe normally into the device 5-6 times.
- 6. If you need more than one dose, repeat steps 2-5, waiting 30 seconds between inhalations.
- 7. Close caps and rinse your mouth/drink/or brush your teeth.

Note: using an inhaler without a spacer is not recommended.

Note: Always check the instructions included with your inhaler for directions on priming and proper use.

Care of a Spacer

- 1. Clean the spacer about once a week. Immerse the spacer in warm, mildly soapy water and agitate.
- 2. Shake off excess water and leave to dry in the air overnight.

Metered-Dose Inhaler with a Spacer Device



Remove cap



Shake inhaler



Remove spacer cap. Insert inhaler into spacer



Breathe out, press down ONCE and complete slow deep breath in.



Hold breath. Breathe out.

If another dose is prescribed

Wait 30 seconds repeat steps 2-5



Close cap and rinse mouth

How do I use my Metered-Dose Inhaler (MDI) with a spacer device?

- 1. Remove the cap from the inhaler.
- 2. Shake the inhaler.
- 3. Remove the cap on the spacer and insert the mouthpiece of the inhaler into the opening at the end of the spacer.
- 4. Place the spacer mouthpiece in mouth between your teeth and close your lips around the mouthpiece, making sure there are no air leaks. Breathe out. Press down on the MDI canister ONCE to allow the medication to enter the spacer. Breathe in **slowly** and **deeply** for about 3-5 seconds.
- 5. After the inhalation, hold your breath for as long as possible, up to a count of ten and breathe out. Note: If you hear a whistle, you are breathing in too fast. Note: If you have trouble breathing deeply and holding your breath, breathe in and out more normally into the spacer 3 or 4 times.
- 6. If you need more than one dose, repeat steps 2-5 each time, waiting 30 seconds between inhalations.
- 7. Close the cap on the spacer and on the inhaler. Rinse your mouth.

Note: using an inhaler without a spacer is not recommended.

Note: Always check the instructions included with your inhaler for directions on priming and proper use.

Care of a Spacer

- 1. Clean the spacer about once a week. Immerse the spacer in warm, mildly soapy water and agitate.
- 2. Shake off excess water and leave to dry overnight.

Metered-Dose Inhaler



Remove cap



Breathe out



Hold breath. Breathe out slowly.



Close cap and rinse mouth



Shake inhaler



If another dose is prescribed

Wait 30 seconds repeat steps 2-5

How do I use my Metered-Dose Inhaler (MDI)?

- 1. Remove the cap from the inhaler.
- 2. Shake the inhaler.
- 3. Breathe out away from the inhaler.
- 4. Place the mouthpiece in your mouth between your teeth and close your mouth around it. Begin to breathe in slowly and press the top of the inhaler ONCE. Continue to breathe in slowly and deeply through the mouth until the breath is complete.
- 5. Hold your breath for 5-10 seconds and breathe out slowly.
- 6. If an additional inhalation is prescribed, wait 30 seconds before taking it, then repeat steps 2-5 for the prescribed number of inhalations.
- 7. Close the cap and rinse your mouth.

Note: using an inhaler without a spacer is not recommended.

Note: Always check the instructions included with your MDI for directions on priming and proper use

Care of an MDI

- 1. Once a week, remove the medication canister from the plastic casing and wash the casing in warm, soapy water. Let the parts dry in the air. When the casing is dry, replace the medication canister in the casing and put the cap on the mouthpiece.
- 2. Ensure the hole is clear.