

# **Asthma and COPD Medicines**













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Xolair<sup>®</sup>

75/150 ma

Tezspire<sup>™</sup>

210 mg

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Nucala<sup>®</sup>

100 mg

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## **Definitions**

- ICS = Inhaled Corticosteroid helps relieve and prevention of inflammation of the airways. They should be taken daily to gain asthma control.
- SABA = Short-Acting Beta2-Agonist this medication quickly relaxes tight
  muscle bands around the airways (bronchi). Provide fast relieve to sudden
  asthma symptoms such as wheezing, cough, and shortness of breath.
- LABA = Long-Acting Beta2-Agonist relaxes tight muscle bands around the airways (bronchi). Provide relieve over time, 12 to 24 hours.
- **SAMA** = Short Acting Muscarinic Antagonist- provides quick relieve for cough and mucus production.
- LAMA = Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonist relieves cough and mucus production, mostly for people who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.
- LTRA = Leukotriene Receptor Antagonist blocks leukotriene release into blood, anti-inflammatory.
- Combination Therapy = ICS-LABA, ICS-SABA, LAMA-LABA, ICS-LABA-LAMA (Triple Therapy)- Medications are combined to decrease or prevent inflammation, prevent or relax muscle tightness, and in the case of triple therapy, relieve cough and mucus production.

# **Resources for Asthma and COPD**

### **Guidelines:**

National Institute of Health Asthma Guidelines Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) Global Initiative For Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD)

### **Resources:**

American Lung Association Lung.org/asthma

Lung.org/COPD

Asthma Control Assessment

- Baylor College of Medicine's Rules of Two®
- Asthma Control Test<sup>™</sup>
- American Lung Association My Asthma Control Assessment Tool

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention- Asthma CDC.gov/Asthma

# **SMART/MART**

**SMART** (Single Maintenance and Reliever Therapy) or MART (Maintenance and Reliever Therapy) are a next-generation asthma treatment containing an ICS (inhaled corticosteroid) with formoterol (long-acting beta agonist) combined into one inhaler. SMART/MART includes formoterol due to its ability to be fast-acting for rapid onset of asthma symptoms (similar to a short-acting beta agonist) with a longer lasting effect. This SMART treatment option may be prescribed to those with moderate to severe persistent asthma, as a daily controller medication (ICS/ formoterol) and/or to treat rapid onset of symptoms as a quick relief medicine.

### **Key Messages SMART/MART**

- Less complicated to use for managing asthma symptoms and just effective.
- Less complicated to use (one single inhaler) for managing asthma symptoms and just as effective.
- Used to treat symptoms when they start and for daily maintenance.
- Always recommend use of MDI with a valved holding chamber/spacer.
- This treatment option is not available for everyone. If someone is already well controlled on current treatment, shared decision making is important before making changes.
- Rinse mouth and spit out after use.
- Talk to your healthcare provider for more information.
- Low dose of ICS-LABA (formoterol) is use for maintenance treatment as well as-needed for asthma symptoms relief.

# **AIR** (Anti-Inflammatory Reliever)

AIR (Anti-Inflammatory Reliever) is a treatment that contains ICS and a quick relief medication (ICS-SABA).

### **Key Messages AIR**

- Provide quick relief of asthma symptoms due to bronchoconstriction (wheezing, cough, shortness of breath).
- Reduce the risk of future asthma episodes by controlling inflammation in the airways.
- · Use as-need for asthma symptoms quick relief.

### **PDE Inhibitors**

**PDE Inhibitors** = are types of medications that block specific enzymes in the body called phosphodiesterases (PDEs).

**PDE3/4** inhibitors help relax airway muscles for bronchodilation and reduce inflammation.

**PDE4** inhibitors help reduce inflammation and are commonly used for conditions like asthma and COPD.

# (English, Spanish, Hebrew)

**Asthma Action Plan** 

Asthma Action Plan for Home and School

