



My Asthma Action Plan



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Name: _____ DOB: ____ / ____ / ____

Severity Classification: ☐ Intermittent ☐ Mild Persistent ☐ Moderate Persistent ☐ Severe Persistent

Asthma Triggers (list): _____

Date Completed: ____ / ____ / ____ Vaccinations updated: ☐ Yes ☐ No



Green Zone: Doing Well

Symptoms: Breathing is good – No cough or wheeze – Can work and play – Sleep well at night

Control Medicine(s)	Medicine	How much to take	When and how often to take it
Quick Relief Medicine(s)	_____	_____	_____
SMART/ MART	☐ ICS/Formoterol _____ puff(s) with spacer _____ (daily max dose 12 puffs for ages 12+ yrs & 8 puffs for ages 4-11 yrs)		
Exercise Induced	☐ Use quick-relief medicine 10 minutes before physical activity as instructed		



Yellow Zone: Caution

Symptoms: Some problems breathing – Cough, wheeze, or tight chest – Problems working or playing – Wake at night

	Medicine	How much to take	When and how often to take it
Quick-relief Medicine(s)	☐ _____	_____	every 20 minutes for up to 1 hour OR Nebulizer (use once)
Control Medicine(s)	☐ Continue Green Zone medicines		
SMART as quick reliever	☐ ICS/Formoterol _____ puff(s) with spacer _____ (daily max dose 12 puffs for ages 12+ yrs & 8 puffs for ages 4-11 yrs)		
Other	☐ _____		

You should feel better within 20–60 minutes of the quick-relief treatment. If you are getting worse THEN follow the instructions in the RED ZONE and call your doctor or 911 right away!



Red Zone: Get Help Now!

Symptoms: Lots of problems breathing – Cannot work or play – Getting worse instead of better – Medicine is not helping – I feel very sick

Take Quick-relief Medicine NOW!

	Medicine	How much to take	When and how often to take it
	☐ _____	_____ (puffs)	_____
SMART as quick reliever	☐ ICS/Formoterol _____ puff(s) with spacer _____		
Other	☐ _____		

Call 911 immediately if the following danger signs are present:

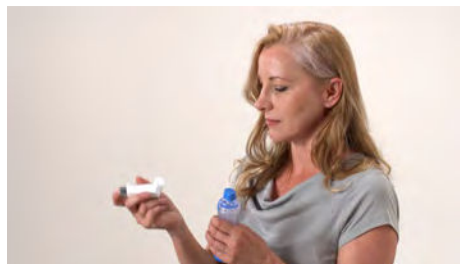
- Trouble walking/talking due to shortness of breath
- Lips or fingernails are blue
- Still in the red zone after 15 minutes

Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

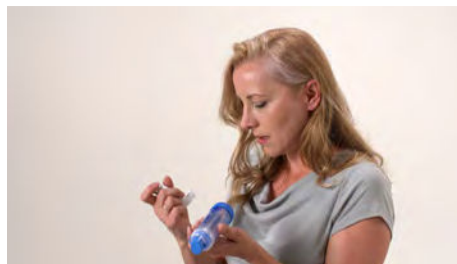
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How to Use a Metered-Dose Inhaler with a Valved Holding Chamber (Spacer)

Prime a brand-new inhaler: Before using it for the first time, if you have not used it for more than 7 days, or if it has been dropped.



1. Shake inhaler 10 seconds.



2. Take the cap off the inhaler and valved holding chamber. Make sure the mouthpiece and valved holding chamber are clean and there is nothing inside the mouthpieces.



3. Put inhaler into the chamber/spacer.



4. Breathe out away from the device.



5. Put chamber mouthpiece in mouth.



6. Press inhaler once and breathe in deep and steadily.



7. Hold your breath for 10 seconds, then breathe out slowly.

If you need another puff of medicine, wait 1 minute and repeat steps 4-7.



8. Rinse with water and spit it out.



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