

How to Use your Inhaler with a Spacer and Mask

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- If it is on zero (0), the inhaler is out of medicine.
- Get a new one as soon as possible.

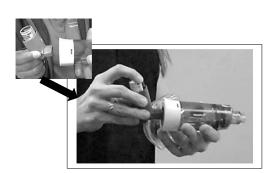
<u>BEFORE you start</u>, check the counter. <u>Prime</u> the inhaler if needed (see boxes below).



1. Sit or stand up straight.



2. Take the cap off the spacer.



3. Connect the inhaler to the spacer.



4. Connect the mask to the spacer.



 Shake the inhaler and spacer/mask straight up and down.
 <u>Do at least 5 hard shakes</u>.



 Place mask firmly against child's face.



7. Push on the top of the inhaler to make it spray medicine.



- If you hear a <u>whistle</u> sound, STOP.
- Breathe in more gently and slowly.
- Take 6 slow, deep breaths.
 Make sure white flap goes up and down with each breath.
- How to "PRIME" your inhaler If you need another puff of (get it ready to spray the medicine) medicine: For NEW inhalers: For inhalers you have used: • Take a short break • If you drop your inhaler Before using, shake (15-30 seconds) AND spray the inhaler If you haven't used it for 7 • Repeat steps 5-8 (be sure to days. 4 times into the air. SHAKE the inhaler again!) Before using again, shake AND spray the inhaler 2 times into the air.