Medications

..... is the blue inhaler known as the reliever.

Two puffs of the blue inhaler can be taken up to four times a day if needed.

It should work within five minutes and last up to four hours.

inhaler known as the **preventer**.

It is an anti-inflammatory medication and contains a steroid.

It must be taken everyday to prevent inflammation in the lungs.

Rinse your mouth after using the preventer to prevent hoarseness or oral thrush

When using the two inhalers always use the reliever (blue inhaler) first

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Patient Information I



Children's Respiratory Department

Blue Aerochamber



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How to use the aerochamber

- 1. Remove the protective cap from the inhaler.
- 2. Check the spacer for any foreign objects.
- 3. Shake the inhaler.
- 4. Insert the inhaler into the back piece of the chamber.
- 5. Place the mouthpiece in the mouth.

 Take care to ensure that the teeth and tongue do not obstruct the mouthpiece.
- 6. Breathe out normally and press the inhaler firmly.
- 7. Allow the child the take 5-6 breaths in and out through the aerochamber. If a whistling sound is heard the child is breathing too quickly.
- 8. Only one puff of medication should be delivered at a time.
- 9. For addition dosages of the inhaler repeat steps 3-8
- 10. Remove the inhaler from the aerochamber and replace the protective covering and both the inhaler and the chamber

Cleaning and storage

- To reduce static the aerochamber should be cleaned monthly.
- Remove the back piece only. Do not remove the mouthpiece or valve.
- Wash all parts in warm soapy water.
- Do not rinse and allow to dry naturally.
- Wipe the mouthpiece to remove detergent
- Replace the back piece when the unit is dry.
- If valve is damaged replace the device.
- Change aerochamber yearly if used daily.
- Store in a container or bag to keep clean.

Features

The aerochamber acts as a holding chamber for inhaled medication from a metered dose inhaler therefore allows time for medication to be inhaled.

The aerochamber has an universal port and will suit a variety of metered dose inhaler

The aerochamber directs breath away from the face to prevent irritation.

Before initial use test spray the inhaler or if not used for a period of time.

Change aerochamber yearly if used daily.

For further information please read manufactures instructions.