How to Use the ATROVENT HFA Inhaler

This quick overview can help you understand how to use your ATROVENT HFA inhaler. For complete information on using ATROVENT HFA, please see the Instructions for Use that come with your prescription.



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Using ATROVENT HFA requires 5 main steps:

- 1. Insert the metal canister into the clear end of the mouthpiece (see Figure 1).
 - Make sure the canister is fully and firmly inserted into the mouthpiece

2. Remove the green protective dust cap.

- If the cap is not on the mouthpiece, make sure there is nothing in the mouthpiece before use
- ATROVENT HFA should be "primed" before you use the first dose by pushing the canister against the mouthpiece, and spraying the medicine twice into the air. Do not spray the medicine into your eyes



 Hold the inhaler upright (see Figure 2), between your thumb and first 2 fingers. Put the mouthpiece in your mouth and close your lips. Keep your eyes closed so that no medicine will be sprayed into your eyes



canister

mouthpiece

dose indicator

Figure 1

dustcap

Figure 2

- **4.** Breathe in (inhale) slowly through your mouth and at the same time spray the ATROVENT HFA into your mouth.
 - To spray ATROVENT HFA, firmly press the canister against the mouthpiece
 1 time. Keep breathing in deeply
- **5.** Hold your breath for 10 seconds and then take the mouthpiece out of your mouth and breathe out slowly. Wait at least 15 seconds and repeat steps 3 and 4.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Do not use ATROVENT HFA if you are allergic to ipratropium or any of the ingredients in ATROVENT HFA or to atropine or similar drugs.

Please see additional Important Safety Information on the next page and full <u>Prescribing Information</u>, including Instructions for Use.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont'd)

ATROVENT HFA is not a rescue medicine and should not be used for treating sudden breathing problems. Your doctor may give you other medicine to use for sudden breathing problems.

Allergic reactions may occur, including itching, swelling of the face, lips, tongue, or throat (involving difficulty in breathing or swallowing), rash, hives, bronchospasm (airway narrowing), or anaphylaxis. Some of these may be serious. If you experience any of these symptoms, stop taking ATROVENT HFA at once and call your doctor or get emergency help.

ATROVENT HFA can cause the narrowing of the airways to get worse (paradoxical bronchospasm) which may be life threatening. If this happens, stop taking ATROVENT HFA at once and call your doctor or get emergency help.

ATROVENT HFA may increase eye pressure which may cause or worsen some types of glaucoma.

Do not get the spray into your eyes. The spray may cause eye pain or discomfort, blurred vision, enlarged pupils, seeing halos or colored images along with red eyes. If you have any of these symptoms, stop taking Atrovent HFA and call your doctor right away.

Dizziness and blurred vision may occur with ATROVENT HFA. Should you experience these symptoms, use caution when engaging in activities such as driving a car or operating appliances or machinery.

ATROVENT HFA may cause difficulty with urination. Symptoms may include difficulty passing urine and/or painful urination. If you have any of these symptoms, stop taking ATROVENT HFA and call your doctor right away.

The most common side effects reported with use of ATROVENT HFA were bronchitis, COPD flare-up (exacerbation), shortness of breath and headache.

Tell your doctor about all medicines you are taking, including eye drops. Ask your doctor if you are taking any anticholinergic medicines because taking them together with ATROVENT HFA can increase side effects.

INDICATION FOR USE

ATROVENT HFA (ipratropium bromide HFA) Inhalation Aerosol is a prescription maintenance treatment for bronchospasm (airway narrowing) in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including chronic bronchitis and emphysema.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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