

Patients information

Temporary supply shortage of salbutamol inhalers

(Ventolin-HFA^{MC} and generic versions)

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the demand for salbutamol inhalers continues to increase. Temporary problems with the supply of this drug are foreseen. The stocks of salbutamol inhalers currently in pharmacies are temporarily destined for 1) Children under the age of 8; 2) People who are unable to take the other formats available; 3) Or people with cystic fibrosis.

You have just received a replacement medication to your salbutamol inhaler, rest assured that the temporary change in your medication will not have a significant effect on your health.

However :

1. If included in your management plan, continue to take your daily (maintenance) medications; your symptoms will then be under control and you will need less emergency medication.
2. Take your medication by following the method you have been taught.
3. Use your emergency inhaler only as an emergency medication. It should not be taken regularly instead of your daily (maintenance) medications.
4. If you need 4 doses or more per week of your emergency inhaler: talk to a healthcare professional (doctor, pharmacist or nurse) about ways of improving your symptoms and controlling them better.
5. Count the doses you take to know when your inhaler is empty.
6. If your condition deteriorates, contact your doctor.

Your regular treatment will be resumed as soon as possible

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