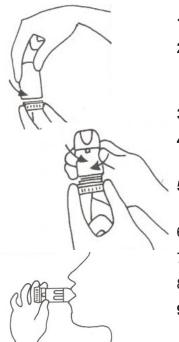




## ... use a Turbuhaler®\_

Suggested age: 6 years and up

The *Turbuhaler*® contains a dry powder medication. The *Turbuhaler*® is breath activated; breathing in deeply and quickly pulls the medication out. Breathing in forcefully is necessary as there is a very small amount of powder in each dose.



- 1. Remove cap from puffer, by unscrewing and lifting off the cover.
- 2. Hold the inhaler upright (mouthpiece up) and turn the coloured grip as far as it will go to the right. Then turn it back again as far as it will go to the left, until you hear a click. Do not shake the inhaler after you have loaded it.
- 3. Breathe out fully, away from the *Turbuhaler*<sup>®</sup>.
- **4. Seal lips around the mouthpiece**, holding the inhaler either horizontally or upright.
- **5. Breathe in forcefully** and deeply through your mouth. You may not taste or feel any medication when breathing in, this is common.
- 6. Remove the *Turbuhaler*® from your mouth before breathing out slowly.
- 7. If more than one dose has been prescribed, repeat the steps 2 to 7.
- 8. Replace the cover and twist shut.
- **9. Rinse mouth** and gargle with water after using corticosteroids, including combination puffers. If possible, do not swallow the water.

## Special Instructions

- Always check the expiry date of medications.
- Read the instructions that come with the Turbuhaler<sup>®</sup>.
- **Keep the** *Turbuhaler*® **dry**. Moisture in the breath or in the air will interfere with the delivery of the medication.

## **Dose Counting**

• When a red mark appears in the dose counter window you have about 20 doses left. When the red mark reaches the lower edge of the window, the *Turbuhaler*® is empty. The sound that the *Turbuhaler*® makes when shaken, is not the medication, it will not tell you if it is full or empty! The dose is actually lost when you shake or drop the *Turbuhaler*® after it is loaded. If this happens, you should load a new dose for your child to inhale.

## Cleaning Instructions

- Wipe the mouthpiece at least once a week with a dry tissue or cloth.
- Never wash the device with water.

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