

Avenor® (Fluticasone propionate and Salmeterol xinafoate) metered dose inhaler

Information for patients who have been prescribed Avenor®

Avenor® is available in three strengths

Your doctor will decide which strength to prescribe for you. See below for details of available strengths, and pictures of the packs.

25µg/50µg



25µg/125µg



25µg/250µg



Packs and inhalers shown are not to size or scale - for illustrative purposes only.

How to take Avenor®

This is a summary, please read the Patient Leaflet inside your pack for full instructions.

1

Remove the mouthpiece cover

Check inside and outside to make sure that the mouthpiece is clean and free of dust or other loose particles. Shake the inhaler 4 or 5 times to ensure that the contents of the Inhaler are evenly mixed.

2

Hold the Inhaler upright with your thumb on the base, below the mouthpiece

Breathe out as far as is comfortable. Place the mouthpiece in your mouth between your teeth. Close your lips around it. Do not bite.

3

Breathe in through your mouth slowly and deeply

Just after starting to breathe in, press firmly down on the top of the canister to release a puff of medicine. Do this while still breathing in steadily and deeply.

4

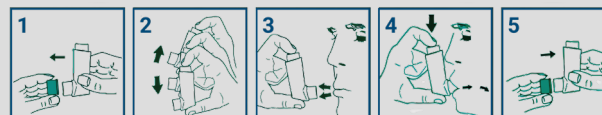
Hold your breath, take the Inhaler from your mouth and your finger from the top of the Inhaler.

Continue holding your breath for a few seconds or as long as is comfortable. Wait about half a minute between taking each puff of medicine and then repeat.

5

Rinse your mouth with water and spit it out, and/or brush your teeth.

This may help to stop you from getting thrush and becoming hoarse. After use always replace the mouthpiece cover straight away to keep out dust. When the mouthpiece cover is fitted correctly, it will 'click' into position. Do not use too much force.



Why has my prescription changed to Avenor®

Avenor® is a brand of fluticasone propionate and salmeterol xinafoate metered dose inhalers. This means that an Avenor® inhaler contains the same medicine and is used to treat the same medical conditions as the original brand (Seretide®), and also other brands of fluticasone propionate and salmeterol xinafoate metered dose inhalers.

Different brands to the original one (Seretide®) have the same effect.

Has my medicine changed?

Your medicine has not changed. Avenor® inhalers work in exactly the same way as other fluticasone propionate and salmeterol xinafoate metered dose inhalers, such as Seretide®.

Using and changing inhalers

The inhaler has been designed to deliver 120 actuations.

Use your Avenor every day until your doctor advises you to stop. Do not take more than the recommended dose, and check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure. Do not stop taking Avenor or reduce the dose of Avenor without talking to your doctor first. Avenor should be inhaled through the mouth into the lungs. When you are using Avenor for asthma, your doctor will want to regularly check your symptoms. However, if your asthma or breathing gets worse tell your doctor straight away. If you forget to take Avenor, skip the missed dose and take your next one at the usual time. Don't take a double dose.

Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard. Adverse events should also be reported to Zentiva via email to UKmedinfo@zentiva.com or via phone on 0800 090 2408.