

PATIENT'S NAME:

MEDICATION: albuterol (Brand names include Proventil, Volmax, Ventolin, and AccuNeb.)

WHAT IT'S USED FOR: Albuterol is used to relieve asthma symptoms.

HOW TO TAKE IT

- Take drug exactly as prescribed.
- Do not crush or chew extended-release tablets.
- When using an aerosol inhaler, carefully follow the directions that came with the product.
- Be aware that the powder-filled capsules must be used with the special dry powder inhaler supplied.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS!

- Notify your prescriber immediately if the prescribed dosage fails to provide the usual relief. This can be a sign of seriously worsening asthma.

SIDE EFFECTS

This drug may cause palpitations, rapid heart beat, increased blood pressure, chest tightness, dizziness, headache, hyperactivity, insomnia, eye infections, dry and irritated throat, hoarseness, tooth discoloration, nausea, vomiting, heartburn, dry mouth, decreased appetite, muscle cramps, and possibly, increased asthma symptoms (such as cough, wheezing, or shortness of breath). Notify your prescriber if any of these symptoms become bothersome.

INTERACTIONS

- Albuterol may interact with many types of drugs, including digoxin, some diuretics, beta blockers, and MAO inhibitors. Tell all prescribers which drugs you're taking.
- Limit caffeine-containing foods and beverages (such as coffee, soda, green or black tea, and chocolate).
- Don't take herbal remedies without consulting with your prescriber.

STORAGE

- Store drug at room temperature away from excessive light, heat, and moisture (NOT in the bathroom).
- Throw away medication that's outdated or no longer needed.
- Don't puncture aerosol containers or discard them in an incinerator or fire.

ADDITIONAL POINTS:

Your initials: _____

Date: _____

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