Asthma and COPD Center





Using your Alvesco® Metered Dose Inhaler (Ciclesonide): Steps 1 to 11

*Note: The manufacturer of Alvesco® does not at this time recommend the use of a spacer with the Alvesco® metered dose inhaler.

- 1. You do not need to shake your Alvesco inhaler before use.
- 2. Uncap mouthpiece and look for loose objects in the device.
- 3. <u>Breathe OUT normally</u> and away from inhaler. Don't take a breath until step #5.
- **4.** Put inhaler mouthpiece in your mouth. Close your lips around the inhaler mouthpiece and keep tongue below it.
- 5. Breathe IN deeply and slowly as you press down on the center of the of the inhaler canister 1 time.
- 6. <u>Continue to breathe IN slowly</u> to fill you lungs full of medicine.
- 7. Hold your breath for 5 seconds and then take the inhaler out of your mouth. We want to keep your lungs filled with medicine for 5 seconds.
- 8. Breathe IN and OUT normally
- **9.** Wait at least **15 seconds** before repeating steps 1–8 for the **next puff**.
- 10. After use, gargle with water and spit it out. Do not swallow.

Adapted From:< http://www.alvesco.com>.