## Asthma and COPD Center





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## Using your Spiriva® HandiHaler® (tiotropium): Steps 1 to 13

- 1. Peel back the foil using the tab and **remove 1 capsule immediately before use**. Only open 1 capsule at a time.
- 2. Open the dust cap by pulling it upward.
- **3.** Open the mouthpiece.
- **4.** Place the capsule in the center chamber (it does not matter which end of the capsule is placed in chamber).
- **5.** Close the mouthpiece firmly until you hear a click, leaving the dust cap open.
- **6.** Hold the device with the mouthpiece facing up and press the piercing button completely in 1 time and release.
- 7. <u>Breathe OUT normally</u> and away from the inhaler. Don't breathe in until step #9.
- **8.** Put the device in your mouth. Close your lips tightly around the mouthpiece.
- 9. Breathe IN quickly to fill you lungs full of medicine.
- **10.** Hold your breath for 5 seconds and then take the device out of your mouth. We want to keep your lungs filled with medicine for 5 seconds.
- 11. To make sure you get the full dose, repeat steps #9 and 10.
- **12.** Open the mouthpiece, tip out the used capsule, and dispose. Do not hold the used capsule in your hand.
- **13.** Close the mouthpiece and dust cap for storage, and store device in a cool, dry place.