## Asthma and COPD Center



## Using your Symbicort® Metered Dose Inhaler (Budesonide/Formoterol): Steps 1 to 10



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

- 1. Shake hard up and down for 5 seconds.
- 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 #7.
- **4.** Put inhaler mouthpiece in your mouth. Close your lips around the inhaler mouthpiece and keep tongue out of the way.
- 5. Breathe IN slowly as you press down on the grey top 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
- Wait at least 15 seconds before repeating steps 1–8 for the next puff.