#### **Medications**

..... is the blue inhaler known as the **reliever**.

Two puffs of the blue inhaler can be taken up to four times a day if needed.

It should work within five minutes and last up to four hours.

inhaler known as the **preventer.** 

It is an anti-inflammatory medication and contains a steroid.

It must be taken everyday to prevent inflammation in the lungs.

Rinse your mouth after using the preventer to prevent hoarseness or oral thrush. Should use spacer device with inhaler for administration of your preventer.

When using the two inhalers always use the reliever (blue inhaler) first

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# Metered Dose Inhaler



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#### How to use

- Shake the inhaler
- 2. Remove the protective cap from the inhaler.
- 3. Breath out gently.
- 4. Place the mouthpiece in the mouth. Take care to ensure that the teeth and tongue do not obstruct the mouthpiece.
- 5. Press the inhaler as the child begin an inhale slowly and deeply.
- 6. Continue to breath in slowly and deeply and hold breath for 10seconds or as long as is comfortable
- 7. Then breathe out slowly
- 8. Only one puff of medication should be delivered at a time.
- 9. For addition dosages of the inhaler repeat steps 2-8
- 10. Replace the protective covering the inhaler.

## **Cleaning and storage**

- Keep the inhaler clean especially the mouth piece
- To clean remove inner canister and clean the inhaler body with lukewarm soapy water weekly
- Allow to dry naturally.
- Store in a container or bag to keep clean.
- Replace when empty

#### **Features**

Before initial use test spray or if not used for a period of time.

For further information please read manufactures instructions.

#### **Metered dose inhalers**







