SECTION 1
GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR INHALER.

Hello, and thank you for taking the time to learn about your RESPIMAT inhaler.

The purpose of these videos is to help familiarize you with the RESPIMAT inhaler, so that you can get the full effects of your medicine, and so you can start using it as discussed with your healthcare team.

You can watch all the videos at once, or click on the individual chapters to review the sections you’d like to learn more about.

Before using for the first time, you need to prepare and prime your inhaler for first time use, and see the full instructions for use for additional details.

The RESPIMAT inhaler has 3 steps for daily use.

A helpful way to remember these steps for daily dosing is to remember T.O.P or “top.”

T is for turning the clear base.

O is for opening the cap and then closing your lips around the mouthpiece.

P is for pressing the dose release button and inhaling.

The recommended dose for COMBIVENT RESPIMAT is one inhalation 4 times a day. The total number of inhalations should not exceed 6 in 24 hours. Do not use COMBIVENT RESPIMAT more often than your doctor has directed.

In the next section, you will see a quick step-by-step guide on how to prepare your new inhaler for the first time.

SECTION 2
PREPARING YOUR INHALER FOR FIRST-TIME USE

When you bring your RESPIMAT inhaler home, you will need to put it together. If you are following along with your RESPIMAT inhaler, feel free to pause this video or replay a step at any time.

In the box, you’ll find a RESPIMAT inhaler, a cartridge of medicine, and instructions for how to use your inhaler. These are located in the full Prescribing Information.

Open the cap and press the dose release button once to make sure your inhaler is ready for loading.

Close the cap. With the cap closed, press the safety catch while pulling off the clear base.

Don’t turn the base yet—you need to insert the medicine cartridge first.

And be careful not to touch the piercing element located in the bottom of the clear base. The piercing element is sharp.

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Please see Important Safety Information for COMBIVENT RESPIMAT on page 5.
Now you will gently push the narrow end of the cartridge of medicine into the inhaler.

You can push the cartridge against a firm surface to ensure it has been fully inserted.

About 1/8 of an inch of the cartridge will still be visible. This is normal.

Take care not to push the cartridge down too hard—this could damage the inhaler.

Do not remove the cartridge once it has been inserted into the inhaler.

Now write the discard date on the label of the RESPIMAT inhaler. The discard date is three months from the date that you load the cartridge.

Please see the frequently asked questions section for information about how the dose indicator works.

Put the clear base back on the inhaler, aligning the safety catch with the notch.

Do not remove the clear base again.

Now your RESPIMAT inhaler is ready to be primed for first-time use. We will take you through those steps in the next section.

**SECTION 3**

**PRIMING FOR FIRST-TIME USE**

Before using your RESPIMAT inhaler for the first time, you'll need to prime the inhaler. Proper priming is important to ensure that you are getting the correct daily dose of medicine. Priming the inhaler will not affect the number of doses of medicine in the cartridge.

Remember, if you are following along with your inhaler, you can pause or rewind this video at any time if you need to catch up or repeat a step.

Hold the inhaler upright with the cap closed.

Turn the base in the direction of the arrows on the label until it clicks (half a turn).

Do this in one continuous movement—this prevents small amounts of medicine from escaping.

Flip the cap until it is fully open.

Point the RESPIMAT inhaler toward the ground, away from your face. Press the dose-release button.

You should see a spray of mist.

Close the cap.

If you do not see the mist, pause this video or rewind and try again. Continue once you have seen the mist spray away from you.

Now repeat the priming process three more times to ensure the inhaler is prepared for use.

Don’t worry, these steps will not affect the number of doses of medicine in your inhaler.

We will now show you how to use your inhaler for daily use in the next section.
SECTION 4
DAILY USE

Your RESPIMAT inhaler is now ready to use.

You should use your RESPIMAT inhaler every day.

There are three simple steps that you will need to perform to take your medicine daily.

A helpful way to remember these steps for daily dosing is to remember T.O.P or “top.”

Turn. Open. Press.

The recommended dose for COMBIVENT RESPIMAT is one inhalation 4 times a day. The total number of inhalations should not exceed 6 in 24 hours. Do not use COMBIVENT RESPIMAT more often than your doctor has directed.

To get the full effects of your medicine, you must take your medicine as directed by your healthcare professional.

So let’s start. Begin by holding your RESPIMAT inhaler upright with the cap closed.

Then turn the clear base in the direction of the arrows in one continuous turn until you hear a click (half a turn).

Now flip the cap until it snaps fully open.

You are now ready to take your medicine. Breathe out slowly and fully, and before taking your next breath, bring the inhaler to your lips and close your lips around the mouthpiece without covering the air vents.

The inhaler should be pointing to the back of your throat.

As you take a slow, deep breath through your mouth, press the dose-release button. Continue to breathe in slowly for as long as you can, as the mist comes to you.

Now hold your breath for 10 seconds, or as long as comfortable. To get your full dose, take as directed by your healthcare professional.

He or she will tell you how often to use your inhaler, and how many puffs to take. That’s really important.

Close the cap and store until it’s time for your next dose.

Make sure to refill your prescription once a month, so you will never find yourself without your daily dose.

SECTION 5
CLEANING AND PARTS

It’s a good idea to clean your RESPIMAT inhaler at least once a week.

Clean the mouthpiece, including the metal part inside the mouthpiece, with a damp cloth or tissue.

You can also wipe the outside of the inhaler if it needs cleaning.

Hopefully, these videos have been helpful to you. Feel free to go back and re-watch any or all of the videos if you need a refresher at any point. We hope you feel confident using your RESPIMAT inhaler. Thanks for watching.

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FAQ

Q1: What if I can’t turn the base easily?
A: The RESPIMAT inhaler may already be prepared and in use—the inhaler is ready to be used as it is. The RESPIMAT inhaler locks automatically once the dose indicator has reached the end of the scale. Please refer to your prescribing information for the number of doses. If your inhaler locks, prepare and use a new RESPIMAT inhaler.

Q2: What if I can’t press the dose-release button?
A: The clear base has not been turned. Turn the clear base until it clicks (half a turn). If that doesn’t work, check to see if the dose indicator is at 0.

Q3: What if the clear base springs back after I have turned it?
A: The clear base was not turned far enough. Turn the clear base until it clicks (half a turn), so the RESPIMAT inhaler is ready to use.

Q4: What if I can turn the clear base past the point where it clicks?
A: Either the dose-release button has been pressed, or the clear base has been turned too far. With the cap closed, try again—turn the base until it clicks (half a turn).

Q5: Why do I have to prime my inhaler prior to first use?
A: Your RESPIMAT inhaler works mechanically, using a capillary. This draws up the solution with the medication prior to releasing the spray of air. In order to get the air out of the capillary tube, you need to prime your inhaler. Priming does not affect the number of doses available in your inhaler.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Use caution and do not spray in your eyes.

The RESPIMAT inhaler must not be disassembled after inserting the cartridge and replacing the clear base.

Protect the RESPIMAT inhaler from freezing.

Do not touch the piercing element inside the base.

Store the RESPIMAT inhaler out of reach of children.

If your RESPIMAT inhaler has not been used:
- For more than 3 days, spray 1 puff toward the ground to prepare the inhaler for use.
- For more than 21 days, repeat the steps from section 2 (“Preparing Your Inhaler for First-Time Use”) until a spray is visible. Then repeat those steps three more times to prepare the inhaler for use.
- Keep your RESPIMAT cartridge and inhaler out of reach of children.
INDICATION FOR USE

COMBIVENT RESPIMAT (ipratropium bromide and albuterol) is indicated for use in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) on a regular aerosol bronchodilator (inhaler) who continue to have evidence of bronchospasm (airway narrowing) and who require a second bronchodilator.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Do not use COMBIVENT RESPIMAT if you are allergic to any of the ingredients in COMBIVENT RESPIMAT or to atropine or other similar drugs.

COMBIVENT RESPIMAT can cause the narrowing of the airways to get worse (paradoxical bronchospasm) which may be life threatening. If this happens, stop taking COMBIVENT RESPIMAT at once and call your doctor or get emergency help.

COMBIVENT RESPIMAT can cause serious heart-related side effects, such as palpitations, chest pain, rapid heart rate, high blood pressure, tremor, or nervousness. Call your doctor if you experience any of these symptoms.

COMBIVENT RESPIMAT may increase eye pressure which may cause or worsen some types of glaucoma.

Do not get the spray into your eyes.

COMBIVENT RESPIMAT may cause difficulty with urination.

If you have vision changes or eye pain or if you have difficulty with urination, stop taking COMBIVENT RESPIMAT and call your doctor right away.

Dizziness and blurred vision may occur with COMBIVENT RESPIMAT. Should you experience these symptoms, use caution when engaging in activities such as driving a car or operating appliances or other machines.

Do not use COMBIVENT RESPIMAT more often than your doctor has directed. Deaths have been reported with similar inhaled medicines in asthma patients who use the medicine too much. Seek immediate medical attention if your treatment with COMBIVENT RESPIMAT becomes less effective for symptomatic relief, your symptoms become worse, and/or you need to use the product more frequently than usual.

Allergic reactions may occur, including itching, swelling of the face, lips, tongue, or throat (involving difficulty in breathing or swallowing), rash, hives, bronchospasm (airway narrowing), or anaphylaxis. Some of these may be serious. If you experience any of these symptoms, stop taking COMBIVENT RESPIMAT at once and call your doctor or get emergency help.

Tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, especially if you have narrow-angle glaucoma, prostate or urinary problems, a history of heart conditions (such as irregular heartbeat, high blood pressure), seizures, thyroid disorder, diabetes, low potassium levels, or kidney or liver disease. Also tell your doctor if you are pregnant or nursing.

Tell your doctor about all medicines you are taking, especially heart medications or drugs to treat depression.

The most common side effects reported with use of COMBIVENT RESPIMAT include infection of the ears, nose, and throat, runny nose, cough, bronchitis, headache, and shortness of breath.

Click here for full Prescribing Information and Patient Instructions for Use.