

INFORMATION FOR THE CONSUMER

IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

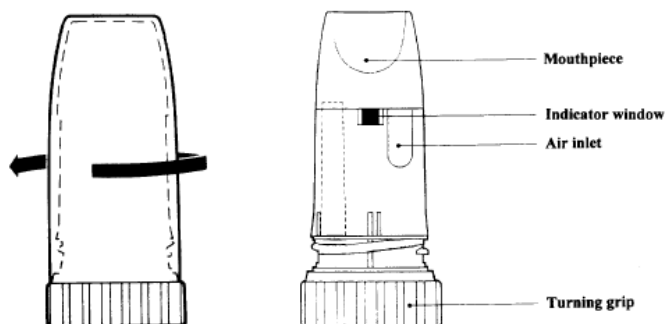
BRICANYL® TURBUHALER®

terbutaline sulfate

Before using BRICANYL TURBUHALER, read this leaflet carefully. It contains general points about BRICANYL TURBUHALER and should add to more specific advice from your doctor or pharmacist.

Please keep this leaflet to refer to until you have used up all medication in BRICANYL TURBUHALER.

WHAT IS BRICANYL TURBUHALER USED FOR AND HOW DOES IT WORK?



BRICANYL is a brand name for a drug called terbutaline. It is used to treat asthma, chronic bronchitis or other disorders which lead to breathing difficulties. Terbutaline belongs to the class of drugs referred to as bronchodilators.

TURBUHALER is the brand name for a multiple dose, dry-powder inhaler. When you breathe in through the inhaler, your indrawn breath provides the necessary force to deliver the drug to your lungs.

BRICANYL TURBUHALER is used to improve your breathing during times such as an asthma attack. It opens up airways in people with asthma or other breathing problems. It relieves symptoms such as wheezing, cough and shortness of breath.

WHAT IS IN BRICANYL TURBUHALER?

BRICANYL TURBUHALER contains terbutaline sulfate as the active ingredient and comes in a concentration of 0.5 mg per inhalation. If you happen to shake the inhaler, the sound you hear is the drying agent built into the blue turning grip. This is not the medication and cannot be inhaled. BRICANYL TURBUHALER contains no other ingredients.

WHAT SHOULD I TELL MY DOCTOR BEFORE TAKING BRICANYL TURBUHALER?

Tell your doctor:

- about **all** health problems you have now or have had in the past, especially heart problems such as irregular heart beat and high blood pressure;
- about other medicines you take, including ones you can buy without a prescription;
- if you have ever had a bad, unusual or allergic reaction to terbutaline;
- if you are pregnant, plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

HOW DO I TAKE BRICANYL TURBUHALER PROPERLY?

Use BRICANYL TURBUHALER for relief of an asthma attack or when you feel a tightening of the airways. You usually get an effect within a few minutes. The effect lasts up to 7 hours. Treatment with BRICANYL TURBUHALER is effective even if you have an acute asthmatic attack.

TURBUHALER is a multi-dose inhaler from which very small amounts of powder are administered. When you breathe in through TURBUHALER the powder is delivered to the lungs. It is therefore important that you **inhale forcefully and deeply** through the mouthpiece.

BRICANYL TURBUHALER is **very** easy to use.

Note: You may not taste or feel any medication when inhaling from BRICANYL TURBUHALER. This is common.

If you follow the instructions below, you will receive the medication.

Using the inhaler

To administer a dose, simply follow the instructions below.

Fig. 1

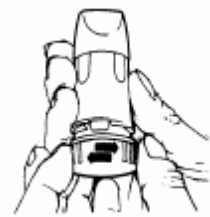


Fig. 2



Unscrew and lift off the cover.

TURN

Hold the inhaler upright with the grip downwards (Fig. 1). To load the inhaler with a dose **turn the blue grip as far as it will go in one direction and then back to the original position.**

CLICK

The “click” you heard means the inhaler is ready to use. **Breathe out.** Do **not** breathe out through the mouthpiece.

INHALE

Place the mouthpiece gently between your teeth, close your lips and breathe in **forcefully and deeply** through your mouth (Fig. 2). Do not chew or bite on the mouthpiece.

Note: Do not use TURBUHALER if it has been damaged or if the mouthpiece has become detached.

Remove the inhaler from your mouth, before breathing out.

If more than one dose has been prescribed, repeat the above steps. Replace the cover.

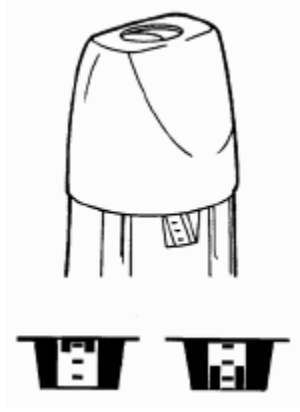
If you accidentally drop, shake or breathe out into BRICANYL TURBUHALER after it is loaded, you will lose your dose. If this happens, you should load a new dose and inhale it.

Note: Never breathe out through the mouthpiece. Always replace the cover properly after use.

As the amount of powder dispensed is very small, you may not be able to taste it after inhalation. However, you can still be confident that the dose has been inhaled if you have followed the instructions.

Cleaning: Clean the outside of the mouthpiece once a week with a **dry** tissue. **Never** use water or any other fluid. If fluid enters the inhaler it may not work properly.

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN BRICANYL TURBUHALER IS EMPTY?



Approx. 20 doses left **EMPTY**

BRICANYL TURBUHALER has a dose indicator. When a red mark first appears in the little window underneath the mouthpiece, there are approximately 20 doses left. Now is the time to obtain your next inhaler.

When the red mark reaches the bottom of the window, BRICANYL TURBUHALER is EMPTY. If you shake the inhaler when it is empty, you will still be able to hear the sound of the drying agent. BRICANYL TURBUHALER cannot be re-filled with drug and should be discarded.

HOW MUCH BRICANYL TURBUHALER SHOULD I TAKE?

The dosage of BRICANYL TURBUHALER is individual.

Follow your doctor's directions carefully. They may differ from the information in this leaflet.

The usual dose for adults and children 6 years of age and older is one inhalation as required. If symptoms persist, further inhalations may be required and you should immediately consult your doctor or the nearest hospital. More than six inhalations (3.0 mg) should not be required in a 24 hour period.

You should see a doctor if:

- your usual dose does not provide relief;
- the effects of one dose last less than three hours;
- you are using BRICANYL TURBUHALER every day to relieve symptoms.

These may be signs that your asthma is getting worse. Your doctor may prescribe this medication in association with other anti-asthma medication that controls airway inflammation.

Do NOT exceed the dose prescribed by your doctor.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IN CASE OF OVERDOSE?

Telephone your doctor or go to your nearest hospital right away if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much BRICANYL TURBUHALER.

ARE THERE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

Like any medication, BRICANYL TURBUHALER may cause side effects in some people. The most common side effects are nervousness and shakiness. These side effects disappear in most cases over the first few days of treatment. Headache, increased heart rate, flushing, occasional muscle cramps, sleeplessness, stomach upset, weakness, dizziness, nausea and sweating have also been reported. Irregular heart beats have been rarely reported.

Medicines affect different people in different ways. Just because side effects have occurred in some patients, does not mean that you will get them. If any side effects bother you, please contact your doctor.

DRIVING AND USING MACHINES

Use of BRICANYL TURBUHALER will not affect your ability to drive or to operate any tools or machines.

WHERE SHOULD I KEEP BRICANYL TURBUHALER?

Remember to **keep BRICANYL TURBUHALER out of the reach of children** when you are not using it.

Always replace the cover after using BRICANYL TURBUHALER. Store the inhaler at room temperature in a dry place, away from moisture.

Do not keep or use BRICANYL TURBUHALER after the expiry date indicated on the label.

Important Note:

This leaflet alerts you to some of the times you should contact your doctor. Other situations which cannot be predicted may arise. Nothing about this leaflet should stop you from calling your doctor or pharmacist with any questions or concerns you have about using BRICANYL TURBUHALER.

NOTE: This INFORMATION FOR THE CONSUMER leaflet provides you with the most current information at the time of printing. Please refer to the Consumer Information Leaflet located at: www.astrazeneca.ca, under the heading "Patients with Prescriptions", to see if more up-to-date information has been posted.

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