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#### Instructor:

# Inhalation protocol pressurized metered-dose inhaler InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup> with mouthpiece (for children)

### From the age of 4.

## **Patient information**

1. Discuss the purpose and the mode of action of the medication.

## Preparation

#### Before the first use:

- 2. Remove the cap from both the inhaler.
- 3. Shake the inhaler well and spray three doses.

#### Before every use:

- 4. Remove the cap from both the inhaler and the InspiraChamber®.
- 5. If the inhaler hasn't been used for a week, shake the inhaler well and spray one dose.
- 6. The mouth has to be empty.
- 7. Shake the inhaler well.
  - 8. Put the inhaler with the opening downwards straight into of the InspiraChamber®.
  - **9.** The inhaler with the InspiraChamber® is now ready for use.

# Inhalation

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- 10. Let the child sit or stand up straight with his/her head slightly backwards.
  - 11. Hold the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup> horizontal and put the mouthpiece between the child's teeth and let the child close its lips to form a good seal.
- 12a. the Standard method
  - Let the child fully exhale, if possible.
  - Press down on the inhaler canister once at the start of inhalation.
  - Let the child inhale and exhale slowly 5 times through the InsparaChamber<sup>®</sup>.
    The air vents should open and close visibly.
  - 12b. If the provider considers it a possibility: the one-breath method.
    - Let the child fully exhale, if possible.
    - Press down on the inhaler canister once at the start of inhalation.
    - Let the child inhale deeply with steady, moderate force and hold breath for 10 seconds.
- 13. If an extra dose is prescribed, remove the inhaler from the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup> and repeat steps 7 to 13. Do not press more the one dose in the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup> at a time.
  - 14. Remove the inhaler from the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup>. Put the cap back on the inhaler.
- 15. After inhaling, rinse the mouth briefly with water: gargle and spit with the first mouthful then swallow the second mouthful. If needed eat or drink something, and wash the face.

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# Cleaning

- 16. Clean the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup> once a week.
- 17. Dismantle the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup>. Remove the backpiece and the mask of the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup>.
- 18. Wash all parts of the inhaler in lukewarm, (clean) soapy water.
- 19. Rinse the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup> but do not dry it.
- 20. Leave the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup> to air dry.
- 21. Make sure the components are dry before the InspiraChamber <sup>®</sup> is assembled.

### **Important points**

- 22. Estimate when the inhaler will be empty. The number of doses which the inhaler contains is listed on the side of the inhaler. A suggestion is to tally the doses and put down the date of embarking. Some inhalers have a dose counter to tell you exactly how many doses are left.
- 23. Keep the inhaler at room temperature.
- 24. Replace the InspiraChamber<sup>®</sup> once a year.

### **Finally**

25. Have a look at an instructional film which shows these steps in action.

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