

# Using Your Inhaler with Spacer and Mask

## Follow these steps to use your inhaler correctly

- 1. Shake inhaler.
- **2.** Insert inhaler in back of spacer with slit at the top.
- **3.** Place mask on face to make a tight seal around the nose and mouth.
- **4.** Spray one time and take 10 breaths in and out of the spacer to make sure to get the most medication possible.
- **5.** Watch your child's chest rise and fall or watch the indicator go up and back to know that 10 breaths are taken.
  - Take one puff at a time.
  - You must repeat steps 3, 4 and 5 to take another puff.
    Do not spray 2 puffs one after the other. This wastes
    one puff of medication.

# Follow cleaning instructions on page 2.

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### **Cleaning instructions**

It is important to clean your spacer at least one time a week. This helps make sure you get the correct amount of medication.

- 1. Remove cap, valve, and rubber casing from spacer.
- **2.** Soak mask and all pieces (chamber, cap, valve and rubber casing) in warm water for 15 minutes with a tablespoon of vinegar.
- 3. Rinse with warm water.
- **4.** Let air dry on top of clean towel or paper towels. **Do not** put paper towels or any kind of towels into the spacer to dry it. This will make static electricity and stops the medication from getting into the lungs.

#### Do not run out of medication

- Keep a watch on the number of doses left in your inhaler.
- When you have used about half of the doses, call to get a refill.

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