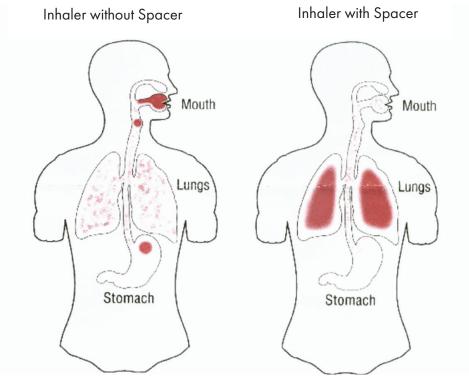


Spacers

How does my child use inhaled medicine?

- Spacers are tubes that guide medicines from inhalers to the lungs.
- Do not spray more than one puff of the inhaler into the spacer at a time.
- For all spacers and inhalers there are preparation (priming) and cleaning instructions.
- The same spacer can be used with different inhalers.

Spacers are not routinely covered by all insurance plans and may be costly to replace. Keep them in a safe place.



Benefits of using a Spacer/Chamber Device to improve medicine delivery to the lungs

Using a Spacer with a Facemask (under 8 years old)

- 1. Stand up tall (if an infant hold in a sitting position).
- **2.** Remove the mouthpiece cover from the inhaler.
- **3.** Shake the inhaler 4 to 5 times.
- 4. Insert the inhaler into the spacer.
- **5.** Seal the mask over the child's mouth and nose and hold in place.
- 6. Press down once on the inhaler to release one puff of medicine.
- Continue to hold the mask sealed on the face while the child breathes 6 normal breaths.
- Remove the mask and wait
 1 minute to allow medicine to reach the lungs.
- 9. Repeat these steps for each additional puff of medicine needed for a dose.

Using a Spacer with a Mouthpiece (8 years and older)



- 1. Stand up tall and look straight ahead.
- 2. Remove the mouthpiece cover from the inhaler.
- **3.** Shake the inhaler 4 to 5 times.
- **4.** Insert the inhaler into the spacer.
- 5. Breathe out fully.
- 6. Place the mouthpiece over the tongue and seal lips snugly around the mouthpiece and hold in place.
- **7.** Press down once on the inhaler to release one puff of medicine.
- **8.** Take a slow, deep breath in over 3-5 seconds from the mouthpiece and remove the mouthpiece from your mouth.
- 9. Hold your breath for 10 seconds after inhaling.
- 10. Wait 1 minute to allow medicine to reach the lungs.
- Repeat these steps for each additional puff of medicine needed for a dose.