

SALBUTAMOL/IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE

(Combivent[®], Duolin[®])

What does it do?

Salbutamol/ipratropium bromide opens narrowed airways in the lungs relieving shortness of breath.

How should you take it?

Salbutamol/ipratropium bromide should be inhaled as directed. The specific instructions for the inhaler device should be followed closely.

What if you miss dose?

Take *salbutamol/ipratropium bromide* as directed. Should an occasional dose be missed it need not be taken later.

Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines, available without prescription, may alter the effectiveness/interact with *salbutamol/ipratropium bromide* including: antihistamines (eg Phenergan[®])
motion-sickness preparations (eg Sea-legs[®])
pseudoephedrine (contained in cold and flu preparations)

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking including vitamins and herbal medicines.

Side effects?

Side effects with *salbutamol/ipratropium bromide* that may be noticed include:

Effect

fast or irregular heartbeat

Recommended action

} tell your doctor

stomach upset, dry mouth

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nervousness, fine tremors

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flushing, headache, dizziness

} tell your doctor if troublesome

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nasal stuffiness, sleep disturbances

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Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any other unusual effects that you think might be related to your medication.

Other information:

- Tell your doctor if you have heart, thyroid, eye (eg glaucoma), prostate or bladder problems; diabetes.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breast-feeding.
- Tell your doctor if you are allergic to peanuts or soya products as some inhalers contain similar ingredients.