

Approved Uses for FLOVENT

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TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR

Only your healthcare provider can tell you which asthma medication is right for you. It is a good idea to assess your asthma symptoms regularly and share your assessment with your provider.

BEFORE YOUR VISIT

Before your next appointment with your healthcare provider, think about how well your current treatment plan is working.

Print out the following questions and write down your answers to the *Questions for You*. By gathering specific information and writing down your answers beforehand, you and your healthcare provider can have a better discussion about how well your asthma symptoms are controlled.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU

1. Which medication(s) are you taking for asthma?

2. How often do you use a rescue inhaler?

3. How often do you have symptoms?

4. How often do you wake up at night?

5. How does asthma affect your activities, if at all?

6. What other conditions do you have, and are you taking any medication(s) for those conditions?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

1. Do I have an asthma treatment goal that I should work toward?

2. Is my current asthma medication right for me?

3. Does my asthma medication cause any serious side effects?

4. What are the most common side effects of my asthma medication?

5. Will my asthma medication interact with the other medications that I'm taking?

6. How long will I need to take my asthma medication?

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- Do not use FLOVENT DISKUS if you have a severe allergy to milk proteins. Do not use FLOVENT DISKUS or FLOVENT HFA if you are allergic to fluticasone propionate or any of the ingredients in the products. Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure.
- **Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take and about all of your health conditions.**
- **Do not** use FLOVENT more often than prescribed.
- **Do not** stop using FLOVENT, even if you are feeling better, unless your healthcare provider tells you to. If you miss a dose of FLOVENT, just skip that dose. Take your next dose at your usual time. Do not take 2 doses at 1 time.
- **FLOVENT can cause serious side effects, including:**
 - **fungal infections in your mouth or throat (thrush).** Rinse your mouth with water without swallowing after using FLOVENT to help reduce your chance of getting thrush.

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- **weakened immune system and increased chance of getting infections (immunosuppression).** You should avoid exposure to chickenpox and measles, and, if exposed, tell your healthcare provider right away. Worsening of existing tuberculosis, fungal, bacterial, viral, or parasitic infections, or herpes infection of the eye (ocular herpes simplex) may occur.
- **reduced adrenal function.** This can happen when you stop taking an oral corticosteroid (such as prednisone) and start taking a medicine containing an inhaled corticosteroid (such as FLOVENT). During this transition period, when your body is under stress such as from fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection, or surgery, adrenal insufficiency can get worse and may cause death. Symptoms of adrenal insufficiency include:
 - feeling tired
 - lack of energy
 - weakness
 - nausea and vomiting
 - low blood pressure
- **serious allergic reactions.** Call your healthcare provider or get emergency medical care if you get any of the following symptoms of a serious allergic reaction:
 - rash
 - hives
 - swelling of the face, throat, and tongue
 - breathing problems
- **bone thinning or weakness (osteoporosis)**
- **slowed growth in children.** A child's growth should be checked often.
- **eye problems including glaucoma and cataracts.** You should have regular eye exams while using FLOVENT.
- **increased wheezing (bronchospasm).** Increased wheezing can happen right away after using FLOVENT. Always have a rescue inhaler with you to treat sudden wheezing.
- **Common side effects of FLOVENT DISKUS include:**
 - upper respiratory tract infection
 - throat irritation
 - nausea and vomiting
 - fever
 - headache
- **Common side effects of FLOVENT HFA include:**
 - a cold or upper respiratory tract infection
 - throat irritation
 - headache
 - fever
 - diarrhea
 - ear infection

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

