

Approved Use for FLOVENT

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Important Safety Information for FLOVENT

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TALK TO YOUR CHILD'S DOCTOR

Only your child's healthcare provider can tell you which asthma medication is right for him or her. However, it is a good idea to assess your child's asthma regularly and share the assessment with a healthcare provider. Take a minute to think about your child's asthma symptoms.

BEFORE YOUR CHILD'S VISIT

Before your child's next appointment with the healthcare provider, think about how well your child's current treatment plan is working. By gathering specific information and writing down the answers beforehand, you and the healthcare provider can have a better discussion about how well things are going.

Print out the following questions and write down the answers. Bring them to the next appointment. This will help you get the most from the conversation with your child's healthcare provider. Be sure to be as detailed as possible.

DOCTOR DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which medication(s) is your child taking for asthma?

2. How often does your child use a rescue inhaler?

3. How often does your child have symptoms?

4. How often does your child wake up at night?

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

6. What other conditions does your child have, and is he or she taking any medication(s) for those conditions?

DURING YOUR CHILD'S VISIT

Make sure to ask your child's healthcare provider the following questions and check them off when you're done.

1. Does my child have an asthma treatment goal that we should work toward?

2. Is my child's current medication right for my child?

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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.
 - **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

Flovent[®] Diskus[®] 50 mcg
(fluticasone propionate
inhalation powder, 50 mcg)

Flovent[®] HFA 44 mcg
(fluticasone propionate 44 mcg)
Inhalation Aerosol

**Talk to Your Child's
Doctor About FLOVENT**

Important Safety Information for FLOVENT (cont'd)

- **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 your 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, nose and/or sinus irritation
 - nausea and vomiting
 - cough and/or persistent cough
 - fever
 - headache
 - upset stomach
- **Common side effects of FLOVENT HFA include:**
 - upper respiratory tract infection
 - throat and/or sinus irritation
 - headache
 - diarrhea
 - difficulty speaking
 - cough and/or persistent cough

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.

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