

## Corticosteroid Inhaler Repeat Prescriptions

### *How long should an inhaler last?*

The table below indicates how long an inhaled corticosteroid preparation is expected to last at different dosages for different pack sizes.

Name of Inhaler	Number of doses per inhaler	Number of doses per day	Period inhaler should cover (approx)
Clenil, Qvar Budesonide 100mcg, 200mcg Pulmicort 100mcg turbohaler,	200	One puff twice a day	100 days ( 3months)
	200	Two puffs twice a day	50 days (6-7 weeks)
Pulmicort MDI, Symbicort 100/6, 200/6 Seretide, Flixotide evohalers, Fostair	120	One puff twice a day	60 days (8 weeks)
	120	Two puffs twice a day	30 days (4 weeks)
Budesonide 400mcg Pulmicort 200mcg turbohaler	100	One puff twice a day	50 days (6-7 weeks)
	100	Two puffs twice a day	25 days (3-4 weeks)
Seretide, Flixotide accuhaler, diskhaler, Symbicort 400/12	60	One puff twice a day	30 days (4 weeks)
	60	Two puffs twice a day	15 days (2 weeks)
Pulmicort 400mcg turbohaler	50	One puff twice daily	25 days (3-4 weeks)

**Patients should of course ensure that they do not run out of their Inhalers but should not re-order them before they need to.**

A Patient Information Leaflet is available, suitable for receptionists to attach to a patient's repeat prescription, so patients can check how long their inhaler should last.