INSTRUCTIONS FOR PHARMACISTS
Salbutamol Inhalers

Patient and GP details
Patients 16 and over are eligible, provided they appear competent.
1. No confirmation of patient ID is required unless Pharmacists judge this necessary.
2. Entering a GP name and surgery is required.
3. A copy of the completed form MUST be faxed or posted to the GP with each supply of an inhaler. (Where patients do not have a doctor an inhaler cannot be supplied.)

Suitability
Answers in this section must be ‘Yes’.
If any question is answered ‘No’, supply of salbutamol inhalers by PGD is excluded. Inhaled salbutamol may be of benefit; however it CANNOT be supplied by PGD and patients should be referred to a doctor or nurse.

Current Medications
Exclude patients taking:
- leukotriene receptor antagonist
- SR theophylline
- β2 agonist tablets
These are fourth line drug treatments, and patient’s respiratory management should be by a nurse or doctor, refer.
Salbutamol and non-selective β-blocking drugs such as propranolol, should not usually be prescribed together. Salbutamol can be supplied; however patient should be advised to discuss with a doctor.
Patients should be advised to continue their normal medication when using salbutamol inhalers, including other inhalers (steroids and long acting β2 agonist inhalers).

Medical History
All answers in this section must be ‘No’.
If any question is answered ‘Yes’, supply of salbutamol inhalers by PGD is excluded. Inhaled salbutamol may be of benefit; however it CANNOT be supplied by PGD and patients should be referred to a doctor or nurse.
Patients who answer ‘Yes’ to using salbutamol inhalers more than four times daily should be advised to obtain medical help as a matter of urgency.

Confirmation
All answers in this section must be ‘Yes’. Answers of ‘No’ are exclusions to the supply of salbutamol inhalers.
The leaflet Patient Information Leaflet - Salbutamol Inhalers is available to print from the forms and leaflets section of the website.

For Pharmacist use only
- All the answers in this section must be ‘Yes’.
- Repeat of up to 6 inhalers over 12 months allowed per assessment form.
- Completed forms should be retained for 8 years.
- Fax or post completed form to surgery with each supply

Repeat supplies
- Only one inhaler per issue
- Only one inhaler in any 30 day period
- Only maximum of 6 inhalers in any 12 months period
- Check questionnaire answers are unchanged each time an inhaler is supplied

Brand of inhaler
- Supply the same inhaler brand and formulation the patient has been prescribed previously.
- Check patients are familiar with inhaler technique of the inhaler supplied.
- For dry powder inhalers, supply only the brand and strength (100mcg or 200mcg) of inhaler previously prescribed.
- If previous prescriptions were for generic salbutamol, then supply non-proprietary salbutamol inhalers, unless patients have a preference for a particular brand.
- If previous prescription was for a branded inhaler, then supply the same brand, if available.
- Where it is not known if the previous prescription was for branded or unbranded salbutamol, supply non-proprietary inhalers, unless patients prefers a particular brand.

Dose instructions
- 100mcg metered dose inhalers: 1-2 puffs up to 4 times daily as required
- 100mcg dry powder inhalers (Easyhaler salbutamol 100mcg, Airomir Autohaler 100mcg, Asmasal Clickhaler® 95mcg, Salbulin Novolizer® 100mcg): 1-2 puffs up to 4 times daily as required
- 200mcg dry powder inhalers (Ventolin Accuhaler®, Easyhaler Salbutamol 200mcg, Pulvinal Salbutamol Inhaler 200 micrograms): 1 puff up to 4 times daily as required

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