

Correct Use of MDI and Spacer with Mask

Below are the steps for the correct use of a metered dose inhaler (MDI) and spacer with MASK. Caregiver/patient should perform the following:

- 1. Shake the canister for 5 seconds.
- 2. Prime MDI. (Varies depending on MDI brand, see package insert.) In general:
 - -If MDI not used in 2 weeks or has been dropped: spray 2 puffs into air
 - -If MDI never used before spray 4 puffs into air
- 3. Insert the MDI into the spacer.
- **4.** Place the mask on the face, covering the mouth and nose completely.
- 5. Look for a seal around the mouth and nose and the mask.
- **6.** Press down the top of the canister to release 1 puff of medicine.
- 7. Allow the child to take 6 breaths with the mask in place.
- **8.** Wait 1 minute after 6th breath before giving another puff of the medicine.
- 9. Repeat steps 4 through 8 depending on how many puffs are indicated on the prescription.

Cleaning Instructions

- 1. Remove mask and the rubber end of spacer where the MDI fits.
- 2. Rotate spacer mouthpiece counter-clockwise and lift up to remove.
- **3.** Lift the valve off the clear posts at the end of the chamber.
- 4. Soak the parts in warm water with clear, liquid detergent for about 15 minutes.
- 5. Rinse in clean water and shake to remove excess water.
- **6.** Allow all parts to air dry. DO NOT dry with a towel.
- **7.** To reassemble, hold chamber upright and place valve over clear posts. Replace spacer mouthpiece and turn it clockwise until it locks into place.
- **8.** Replace the back rubber end onto the spacer.