Family Education Sheet Setting Up and Using a Respimat Inhaler

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How to set up and use a Respimat inhaler

Your provider has prescribed a medication that is given using the Respimat inhaler. The Respimat inhaler can be used for 2 different medicines, Spiriva or Combivent. Which of these medicines do you use?

How to set up the inhaler



1 Press in the safety catch on the side of the device to remove the clear base.



2 Put the narrow silver part into the inhaler.



3 Push it down on a hard surface until you hear it click. Put the clear base back on the inhaler.

How to prime the inhaler



1 Turn the clear base in the direction of the arrows until you hear it click.



2 Point the inhaler away from you. Open the cap.



3 Press the button. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you see the medicine spray out of the inhaler. Once you see the spray, repeat the same steps 3 more times. This will fully prime the inhaler.

How to use the inhaler



 Twist the clear base in the direction of the arrows until you hear it click (about 1 half turn).



2 Open the cap.



3 Breathe out slowly.



4 Put the inhaler in your mouth and close your lips around the mouthpiece.



5 Press the button. Take a slow deep breath in.



6 Hold your breath for 10 seconds. Repeat steps 1–5 if your dose is more than 1 puff.

This Family Education Sheet is available in Spanish.