

Fenoterol / Ipratropium Inhaler

Medication Information Leaflet

What is this medication for?

Berodual N is used for the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). COPD is a disease affecting the lungs which make it harder for the person to breathe as the disease gets worse. Berodual N can also be used to help control symptoms in asthma. It contains 2 ingredients, fenoterol and ipratropium. Both ingredients work by relaxing the airway muscles, thus opening up the airways to make breathing easier.

How should I take/use this medication?

- Take exactly as how your healthcare professional has told you.
- Please refer to your Berodual N inhaler's patient information leaflet to learn how to use the inhaler.

What should I do if I forget to take/use this medication?

If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember. Then take your next dose at the usual time. Do not take two doses to make up for the missed dose.

What precautions should I take?

Inform your healthcare professional if:

- You are allergic to this medication or any of the other ingredients of this medication
- You are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding
- You are taking any other medications, including supplements, traditional medications and herbal remedies.
- You have the following medical conditions:
 - Glaucoma (a type of eye condition where the pressure in the eye is increased)
 - Prostate problems
 - Myasthenia gravis (a type of illness linked to muscle weakness)
 - Cystic fibrosis (a type of illness in which thick mucus build up in the lungs and digestive system)

What are some common side-effects of this medication?

- Dry mouth
- Cough/ Throat irritation
- Headache

- Dizziness
- Nervousness, Restlessness
- Trembling
- Fast and unusually strong heartbeat
- Nausea
- Constipation

These symptoms may happen but should get better over time. Check with your doctor if any of these symptoms are serious or do not go away.

What are some rare but serious side-effects that I need to seek medical advice immediately?

The symptoms of a drug allergy include one or more of the following:

- Swollen face/eyes/lips/tongue
- Difficulty in breathing
- Itchy skin rashes over your whole body

If you experience any of these symptoms, you should stop your medication and see your healthcare professional immediately.

How should I store this medication?

Store in a cool and dry place, away from direct sunlight. Keep this medication away from children.

How should I throw away this medication safely?

Pack this medication into a black trash bag and seal it tightly before throwing into the rubbish chute or bin.

Disclaimers

If you take more than the recommended dose, please seek medical advice immediately. The information provided on this page does not replace information from your healthcare professional. Please consult your healthcare professional for more information.

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