



Pharmacologic Agents for Treatment of COPD

SCAN Formulary Drugs

Medication	Dosing & Administration	2025 Formulary Status		2026 Formulary Status		Adverse Drug Reactions
		Tier	UM	Tier	UM	
Long-Acting Inhaled Beta Agonists (Maintenance)						
BEVESPI AEROSPHERE <i>(glycopyrrolate / formoterol)</i>	2 puffs BID	3		3		UTI, cough, hypertension
SEREVENT DISKUS <i>(salmeterol)</i>	1 puff BID	3		3		Headache, pain, throat irritation, nasal congestion, bronchitis
STRIVERDI RESPIMAT <i>(olodaterol)</i>	2 puffs daily	3		3		Nasopharyngitis, URTI, bronchitis, UTI, cough, dizziness, rash, diarrhea, back pain, arthralgia
Short-Acting Inhaled Beta Agonists (Rescue)						
<i>albuterol hfa (8.5g and 6.7g) inhalers</i>	2 puffs q4-6h prn	2	[QL]	2	[QL]	Insomnia, nervousness, tremors, headache, chest discomfort
LEVALBUTEROL TARTRATE HFA	2 puffs q4-6h prn	4		4		Vomiting, acute asthma, dizziness, bronchitis, pharyngitis, rhinitis
PROAIR RESPICLICK <i>(albuterol)</i>	2 puffs q4-6h prn	3		3		Back pain, pain, gastroenteritis viral, sinus headache, UTI
Inhaled Anticholinergics (Maintenance)						
ATROVENT HFA <i>(ipratropium)</i>	2-3 puffs QID 2 puffs QID	3	[QL]	3	[QL]	Upper respiratory tract infection (URTI), bronchitis, sinusitis, headache, dyspnea, rhinitis
SPIRIVA RESPIMAT <i>(tiotropium)</i>	2 puffs QD	3	[QL]	3	[QL]	Pharyngitis, cough, dry mouth, sinusitis



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<i>tiotropium inhalation capsules</i>	1 capsule QD	NF		NF		Upper respiratory tract infection (URTI), dry mouth, sinusitis
Combination Inhalers (Maintenance)						
ANORO ELLIPTA (<i>umeclidinium / vilanterol</i>)	1 puff daily	3		3		Pharyngitis, sinusitis, lower respiratory tract infection, constipation, diarrhea, pain in extremity, muscle spasms, neck pain, chest pain
BREO ELLIPTA (<i>fluticasone furoate / vilanterol</i>)	1 puff daily	3		3		Nasopharyngitis, upper respiratory tract infection, headache, oral candidiasis
BREZTRI AEROSPHERE (<i>budesonide / formoterol fumarate / glycopyrrolate</i>)	2 puffs BID	3	[QL]	3	[QL]	Oropharyngeal candidiasis, backache, muscle spasms, cough pneumonia, sinusitis, URTI
COMBIVENT RESPIMAT (<i>albuterol / ipratropium</i>)	1 puff QID	3	[QL]	3	[QL]	Bronchitis, URTI, cough, dyspnea, headache, nausea, flu syndrome
<i>fluticasone propionate / salmeterol diskus</i>	1 puff BID	3	[QL]	3	[QL]	Headache, URTI, pharyngitis, bronchitis, sinusitis, nausea/ vomiting
TRELEGY ELLIPTA (<i>fluticasone furoate / umeclidinium bromide / vilanterol trifenate</i>)	100 / 62.5 / 25 mcg 1 puff daily	3	[QL]	3	[QL]	Headache, diarrhea, backache, urinary tract infectious disease, respiratory tract infection
<i>wixela inhub</i> (<i>salmeterol / fluticasone</i>)	1 puff BID	3	[QL]	3	[QL]	Headache, URTI, pharyngitis, bronchitis, sinusitis, nausea/ vomiting



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Oral Sympathomimetic Bronchodilators (Maintenance)						
<i>albuterol sulfate tabs</i>	2 to 4 mg PO TID to QID	4		4		Insomnia, nervousness, tremors, nausea, hypokalemia
<i>terbutaline sulfate oral</i>	5 mg PO TID	4		4		Nervousness, restlessness, tachycardia, trembling, hyperglycemia, cardiac arrhythmias
Oral Corticosteroids (Maintenance)						
<i>methylprednisolone oral</i>	Patient specific	2		2		GI upset, muscle weakness, hyperglycemia, hypertension
<i>prednisolone oral soln</i>	Patient specific	2		2		GI upset, muscle weakness, hyperglycemia, hypertension
<i>prednisone tabs</i>	Patient specific	1		1		GI upset, muscle weakness, hyperglycemia, hypertension
Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors, Airways Disease (Maintenance)						
<i>roflumilast</i>	500mcg PO daily	3		3		Headache, dizziness, insomnia, diarrhea, weight loss, appetite decreased, nausea, back pain
<i>theophylline er</i>	300-600 mg/day	4		4		Nausea, vomiting, headache, insomnia, seizures, tachycardia

Brand-name drugs are capitalized and generic drugs are listed in the lower-case italics.

[QL] = Quantity Limit

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