

## Advair-to-Symbicort Therapeutic Interchange

<b>Advair Dosage</b> (fluticasone/salmeterol)	<b>Change to Symbicort</b> (budesonide/formoterol)
Advair Diskus 100 mcg/50 mcg 1 inhalation bid	Symbicort 80 mcg/4.5 mcg 2 puffs bid
Advair Diskus 250 mcg/50 mcg 1 inhalation bid	Symbicort 160 mcg/4.5 mcg 2 puffs bid
Advair Diskus 500 mcg/50 mcg 1 inhalation bid	Symbicort 160 mcg/4.5 mcg 2 puffs bid
Advair HFA 45 mcg/21 mcg 2 puffs bid	Symbicort 80 mcg/4.5 mcg 2 puffs bid
Advair HFA 115 mcg/21 mcg 2 puffs bid	Symbicort 160 mcg/4.5 mcg 2 puffs bid
Advair HFA 230 mcg/21 mcg 2 puffs bid	Symbicort 160 mcg/4.5 mcg 2 puffs bid

### **Full Prescribing Information**

See the information inside the Symbicort package.

### **Symbicort Administration**

Per the information inside the Symbicort package (AstraZeneca, July 2006):

- Rinsing the mouth after each dose is advised.
- Prime the Symbicort canister before using it for the first time.
- If the inhaler has not been used for more than seven days—or when it has been dropped—prime the inhaler again by shaking it well before each spray and releasing two test sprays in the air away from the face.



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