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To: All Community Pharmacists

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Dear colleague

Medicine Supply Notification: Salbutamol (Salamol Easi-Breathe<sup>®</sup>)  
100micrograms/dose breath actuated inhaler CFC free  
Tier 2 – medium impact

[Medicines Supply Tool – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#)

## Summary

- Salbutamol (Salamol Easi-Breathe<sup>®</sup>) 100micrograms/dose **breath actuated inhaler** CFC free is out of stock until late March 2025.
- Salbutamol **pressurised metered-dose inhalers (pMDIs)** are available (Salamol<sup>®</sup> 100micrograms/dose inhaler CFC free and Ventolin Evohaler<sup>®</sup> 100micrograms/dose inhaler CFC free) and can support an uplift in demand.
- Salbutamol (Airomir<sup>®</sup>) 100micrograms/dose inhaler CFC free is currently unavailable, awaiting resupply date.

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Where patients have insufficient supplies of salbutamol (Salamol Easi-Breathe® 100micrograms/dose breath actuated inhaler CFC free) to last until the resupply date, prescribers should:

- consider prescribing one month supply of salbutamol pMDI, assessing whether a spacer is required, and ensuring that the patient is not intolerant to any of the excipients, is counselled on how to use the pMDI with/without spacer, and on the dose to be administered; or
- consider in patients aged 12 years and above, whether first line 'Maintenance And Reliever Therapy' (MART) or 'Anti-inflammatory reliever' (AIR) therapy is more appropriate than use of salbutamol.

If the above options are not considered appropriate, advice should be sought from specialists on management options.

## Actions Required

## Supporting information

### Clinical Information

Pressurised MDIs require dexterity and the ability to coordinate actuation with inhalation. In all children and in patients who may struggle with this, a spacer device and counselling on its use should be provided.

[NICE asthma guidance](#) on transferring patients with uncontrolled asthma from other treatment pathways recommends that those aged 12 years and above, who are only using a short-acting beta-2-agonist (SABA) should be offered a low-dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS)/ formoterol combination inhaler to be used as needed (as-needed AIR therapy). It recommends changing treatment to low-dose MART for people with asthma that is not controlled on regular low-dose ICS plus SABA as needed.

### Links to further information



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[SmPC – Salbutamol 100microgram/dose presentations](#)

[NICE Guidance – Asthma: diagnosis, monitoring and chronic asthma management \(BTS, NICE, SIGN\)](#)

[Asthma and Lung UK – Spacer advice](#)

[BNF: Inhaler devices](#)

[BNF: Chronic asthma](#)