

FDA urges immediate switch to albuterol HFA

60 DAYS until CFC albuterol inhalers banned

30 DAYS 15 DAYS

LINKS

- www.Switch2HFA.com
- www.ProAirHFA.com
- FDA Public Health Advisory on switching patients now
 - Web presentation
- on "...Why You Should Make the Switch Now"
- Save your qualified patients up to \$100 off ProAir HFA*
- Prescribing Information

*Up to \$20 off their next 5 prescriptions

Take action. Switch your patients to ProAir® HFA TODAY!

In a recent Public Health Advisory and press release, the FDA urged healthcare professionals to transition patients to hydrofluoroalkane (HFA) propelled albuterol inhalers "NOW." 1,2



Receive a FREE medically relevant gift when you watch "CFC-to-HFA Albuterol: Why You Should Make the Switch Now," a Web presentation by a leading pulmonary expert

Switching patients now has important benefits:

- · Gives them time to get used to their new inhaler, before the deadline
- Eliminates the element of surprise, helping avoid callbacks from confused patients
- Gives you control, freeing your patients from potentially alternating between albuterol CFC and HFA inhalers as CFC supplies run low

Dispense the #1 albuterol inhaler,³ ProAir HFA – Now FDA-approved for patients as young as 4

ProAir® HFA is indicated in patients 4 years of age and older for the treatment or prevention of bronchospasm with reversible obstructive airway disease and for the prevention of exercise-induced bronchospasm.

Important Safety Information

- Inhaled albuterol sulfate can produce paradoxical bronchospasm that may be life-threatening. It should be recognized that paradoxical bronchospasm, when associated with inhaled formulations, frequently occurs with the first use of a new canister.
- Fatalities have been reported in association with excessive use of inhaled sympathomimetic drugs in patients with asthma.
- ProAir® HFA, as with all sympathomimetic amines, should be used with caution in patients with cardiovascular disorders (especially coronary insufficiency, cardiac arrhythmias, and hypertension), convulsive disorders, hyperthyroidism, and diabetes.
- Potential drug interactions can occur with beta-blockers, diuretics, digoxin, or monoamine oxidase inhibitors, and tricyclic antidepressants.
- Do not exceed the recommended dose.
- Adverse events, which occurred at an incidence rate of at least 3% with ProAir® HFA, include headache, tachycardia, pain, dizziness, pharyngitis, and rhinitis.

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