

Ventolin inhaler rotacaps & rotahaler : red-backed shrike.

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RED-BACKED SHRIKE.

Ventolin

INHALER (Salbutamol Aerosol Inhalation BPC)

ROTACAPS & ROTAHALER

(Salbutamol Sulphate BP inhalation cartridges and breath-actuated device)

PRIMARY THERAPY IN REVERSIBLE AIRWAYS OBSTRUCTION

PRESENTATIONS

Ventolin Inhaler is a metered-dose aerosol which delivers 100mcg of Salbutamol BP per actuation into the mouthpiece of a specially designed actuator. Because of its rapid yet sustained duration of action, Ventolin Inhaler is suitable for both relief of the acute attack of dyspnoea and for routine prophylaxis against bronchospasm.

Ventolin Rotacaps contain a mixture of microfine Salbutamol Sulphate BP and larger particle lactose in blue/colourless hard gelatine cartridges. Each Rotacap contains 200mcg (light blue) or 400mcg (dark blue) of Salbutamol (as sulphate) and is marked Ventolin 200 or Ventolin 400.

Ventolin Rotahaler is a device specially developed to deliver the contents of the Ventolin Rotacaps by inhalation.

Ventolin Rotacaps are used with Ventolin Rotahaler and represent an alternative inhalation form of salbutamol. They are especially valuable for patients who are unable to use pressurised inhalers effectively or who might use them unwisely.

PACKAGE QUANTITIES AND BASIC NHS COST

Each canister of Ventolin Inhaler complete unit provides

200 inhalations £1.67

Containers of Ventolin Rotacaps 200 micrograms £2.96

Containers of Ventolin Rotacaps 400 micrograms £4.00

Ventolin Rotahaler 65p

It is recommended that a replacement Ventolin Rotahaler is prescribed at approximately 6-monthly intervals for patients taking Ventolin Rotacaps.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

RED-BACKED SHRIKE (*Lanius collurio*)

A summer visitor from overseas, this bird breeds in small and decreasing numbers mainly in eastern and southern England. Seen on heathland among trees and bushes. Nicknamed 'Butcher Bird' because of its habit of impaling its victims—beetles, large insects or young birds—on thorns. It strikes its prey like a hawk often hovering and then swooping. The male has a pleasant warbling song, but when annoyed gives a scolding 'tchack-tchack' cry and during courtship will display his rosy breast feathers, then bow, and offer food which the female accepts with quivering wings. The nest is hidden in a gorse or other prickly bush. Built almost exclusively by the male, it is large and of rough design, made of grasses and roots, lined with hair and wool. The Red-Backed Shrike lays 4-6 eggs with a background colour varying from white to grey or pink, with marks of red and grey. The adult bird reaches 7 in (18 cm) in length. The female has a duller appearance, with a brownish back and head.

(Illustration from "A History of British Birds" by F. O. Morris)

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