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Ventoli

(salbutamol sulphate BP)

ROTACAPS AND ROTAHALER

Primary therapy in reversible airways obstruction

PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COST

Ventolin Rotacaps 200mcg and 400mcg each contain salbutamol (as sulphate) 200 or 400 micrograms, in containers of 100, £2.96 and £4.00, respectively. PL 0045/0116 and PL 0045/0117. Ventolin Rotahaler is a breath-actuated device which delivers the contents of Ventolin Rotacaps. Basic NHS cost 65p. It should be renewed at 6-monthly intervals.

INDICATIONS

Routine control of bronchospasm in bronchial asthma, bronchitis and emphysema, or as required to relieve attacks of acute bronchospasm. Doses may be taken before exertion to prevent exercise-induced asthma or before exposure to a known unavoidable challenge.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION As single does for the relief of acute bronchospasm, for managing intermittent episodes of asthma and to prevent exercise-induced bronchospasm. Adults: One Ventolin Rotacap 200mcg or 400mcg. Children: One Ventolin Rotacap 200mcg. For chronic maintenance or prophylactic therapy. Adults: One Ventolin Rotacap 200mcg three or four times daily. Children: One Ventolin Rotacap 200mcg three or four times daily. For optimum results in most patients, Ventolin Rotacaps should be taken regularly.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC. Although parenteral or oral Ventolin is used for prevention of premature labour, Ventolin Rotacaps should not be used for prevention of threatened abortion. In the event of a previously effective dose of Ventolin Rotacaps failing to give relief lasting for at least 3 hours, the patient should be advised to seek medical advice in order than any necessary additional steps may be taken. Ventolin Rotacaps should be administered cautiously to patients with thyrotoxicosis. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable. There are no important side effects with inhaled Ventolin therapy. NOTE: Ventolin does not cause difficulty in micturition because, unlike sympathomimetic drugs such as ephedrine, it does not stimulate alpha-adrenoceptors. Ventolin is not contra-indicated in patients under treatment with monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs).

LEGAL CATEGORY

Prescription only medicine.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

TREE SPARROW

Passer montanus

Scarcer than the well-known House Sparrow, the shy Tree Sparrow is a resident seen mainly in rural districts, where flocks comb the fields in winter. In summer it prefers parks, derelict land and places where man is absent. Is comparatively rare in most of Scotland and Ireland. Feeds on weed-seeds, grain and, during the warmer months, insects and larvae. Has a shrill 'chip-chip' voice. A sociable bird, even in nesting habits, it congregates to breed in small colonies. The nest is built in a hole; a tree, wall or disused quarry may be chosen. 4-6 grey, brown marked eggs are laid in the untidy nest, which is built of hay and straw, and lined with feathers. Sometimes a dome-shaped nest is constructed in the open. In contrast with the larger House Sparrow, both sexes are alike in appearance and reach 51 inches (14 cm) in length.

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