

Ventolin inhaler : redwing.

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REDWING.

Ventolin

INHALER

(salbutamol aerosol inhalation BPC)

Primary therapy in reversible airways obstruction

PRESENTATION AND BASIC NHS COST

Ventolin Inhaler is a metered-dose aerosol delivering 100mcg salbutamol BP per actuation into the mouthpiece of the actuator. Each canister provides 200 inhalations £1.96.

INDICATIONS

Ventolin Inhaler is indicated both for the treatment and prophylaxis of bronchial asthma, and also for the treatment of other conditions, such as bronchitis and emphysema, with associated reversible airways obstruction. It is suitable for the treatment of bronchospasm in patients with co-existing heart disease or hypertension, including those taking beta-blocking drugs which often impair respiratory function.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Adults: For the relief of acute bronchospasm, managing intermittent episodes of asthma or prevention of exercise-induced asthma, one or two inhalations are given as a single dose. For chronic maintenance or prophylactic therapy the dosage is two inhalations 3 or 4 times daily. **Children:** For the above indications initial dosage should be reduced for children but as it is well tolerated these dosages may be increased according to the response. For optimum results, in most patients, Ventolin Inhaler should be used regularly.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS, WARNINGS, ETC.

Although intravenous salbutamol and occasionally oral salbutamol are used to prevent premature labour, Ventolin preparations should not be used for treatment of threatened abortion.

Ventolin should be administered with caution to patients with thyrotoxicosis.

In the event of a previously effective dose of Ventolin Inhaler failing to provide relief for at least 3 hours the patient should be advised to seek medical advice in order that any necessary additional treatment may be given. Unnecessary administration of drugs during the first trimester of pregnancy is undesirable.

No important side effects have been reported during Ventolin Inhaler therapy.

LEGAL CATEGORY

Prescription only medicine.

PRODUCT LICENCE NUMBER

0045/5022.

SELECTED BIRDS OF BRITAIN

REDWING

Turdus iliacus

The Redwing is a winter migrant to Britain, although a small population now resides in the Scottish Highlands. A member of the thrush family, it may be seen feeding gregariously in open country with Fieldfares, taking grubs, worms and insects. When the ground becomes frozen the Redwing takes berries for food, but many die during long stretches of cold weather. The flight note is a "cee-ip"; when feeding a "tchup" call may be uttered. It nests in birch woods or low in other bushes. The nest is a cup built from mud, twigs and grass. 4-6 bluish-green eggs, mottled reddish-brown, are laid. Both sexes are alike and reach a length of $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches (21 cm).

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

Further information is available on request.
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