DuoNeb®

Other names: albuterol and ipratropium
brand names are Combivent®, DuoNeb®

Type of medicine: Bronchodilator

Why you need it: Inhalation of this medication is used to treat bronchospasm

How it is given: Inhaled

Side effects: Tiredness, nausea, fever

Tips for Taking

1. Do not use albuterol and ipratropium inhaler if you are allergic to soybeans, peanuts, or other food products that contain soya lecithin.
2. When using the inhaler for the first time, prime it by spraying 2 test sprays into the air away from your face. Also prime the inhaler if you have not used it for 3 days or longer.
3. Shake the canister vigorously for at least 10 seconds before each spray.
4. If you need more than one inhalation of medication at a time, wait at least 2 minutes before taking the second inhalation.
5. Clean your inhaler once per week by holding it under warm running water for 30 seconds or more. Allow parts to dry and put inhaler back together.
6. Store device in a cool dry place.

Please discuss any questions about this medicine with your doctor or nurse.