

RESPIRATORY INHALERS AND GREEN OPTIONS CHART - ALBERTA



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LEGEND:

ABC: Alberta Blue Cross
 DPI: dry powder inhaler
 COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
 HFA: hydrofluoroalkane
 ICS: inhaled corticosteroid

LABA: long-acting beta-agonist
 LAMA: long-acting muscarinic antagonist
 MDI: metered dose inhaler, Aerosphere™
 pMDI: pressurized metered dose inhaler
 RB: restricted benefit

SA: special authorization
 SABA: short-acting beta-agonist
 SAMA: short-acting muscarinic antagonist
 SMI: soft mist inhaler

	Green Inhaler Option
	Green Inhaler Option + Covered
	Emits 65% less CO2 than other MDI in the same class.

DRUG CLASS	TRADE NAME (# DOSES PER INHALER)	ACTIVE INGREDIENT(S)	DEVICE TYPE	COST* PER DOSE BY STRENGTH (\$)	90 DAY COST ESTIMATE** (DOSE USED TO CALCULATE)	ABC COVERAGE
SABA	Bricanyl Turbuhaler (120)	Terbutaline	DPI	0.5 mcg: 0.13	\$16 (PRN - 1 inhaler, 120 doses)	Yes
	Salbutamol generics (200)	Salbutamol	pMDI	100 mcg: 0.05 (APO)	\$10 (PRN - 1 inhaler, 200 doses)	Yes
	TEVA-Salbutamol (200) *must write "No Substitutions"	Salbutamol	pMDI	100 mcg: 0.05	\$10 (PRN - 1 inhaler, 200 doses)	Yes
	Ventolin Diskus (60)	Salbutamol	DPI	200 mcg: 0.29	\$17 (PRN - 1 inhaler, 60 doses)	No
	Ventolin HFA (200)	Salbutamol	pMDI	100 mcg: 0.06	\$11 (PRN - 1 inhaler, 200 doses)	Yes
SAMA	Atrovent HFA (200)	Ipratropium	pMDI	20 mcg: 0.13	\$94 (2 doses QID)	Yes
SABA+SAMA	Combivent Respimat (120)	Salbutamol, Ipratropium	SMI	100/20 mcg: 0.30	\$108 (1 dose QID)	No
ICS	Aermony Respiclick (60)	Fluticasone propionate	DPI	55 mcg: 0.38 113 mcg: 0.63 232 mcg: 0.94	55 mcg: \$68 (1 dose BID) 113 mcg: \$114 (1 dose BID) 232 mcg: \$170 (1 dose BID)	Yes
	Alvesco (120)	Ciclesonide	pMDI	100 mcg: 0.48, 200 mcg: 0.77	100 mcg: \$43, 200 mcg: \$70 (1 dose QD)	Yes
	Arnuity Ellipta (30)	Fluticasone furoate	DPI	100mcg: 1.68, 200mcg: 3.20	100 mcg: \$151, 200 mcg: \$288 (1 dose QD)	Yes
	Asmanex Twisthaler (100mcg - 30, 200mcg - 60, 400mcg - 30, 60)	Mometasone	DPI	100mcg: 1.48 200mcg: 0.76 400mcg: 1.55, 1.44	100mcg: \$133 (1 dose QD) 200mcg: \$68 (1 dose QD) 400mcg: \$139, \$130 (1 dose QD)	Yes, except 100 mcg/dose is RB: ≥ 11 years old.
	Flovent Diskus (60)	Fluticasone propionate	DPI	100mcg: 0.63 250mcg: 0.92 500mcg: 1.36	100mcg: \$114 (1 dose BID) 250mcg: \$165 (1 dose BID) 500mcg: \$245 (1 dose BID)	Yes, except 100mcg/dose is NOT covered.
	Flovent HFA (120)	Fluticasone propionate	pMDI	50mcg: 0.28 125mcg: 0.46 250mcg: 0.88	50mcg: \$51 (1 dose BID) 125mcg: \$82 (1 dose BID) 250mcg: \$158 (1 dose BID)	Yes
	Fluticasone generics (120)	Fluticasone propionate	pMDI	125mcg: 0.25, 250mcg: 0.44	125mcg: \$45, 250mcg: \$80 (1 dose BID)	Yes
	Pulmicort Turbuhaler (200)	Budesonide	DPI	100mcg: 0.21 200mcg: 0.41 400mcg: 0.58	100mcg: \$38 (1 dose BID) 200mcg: \$73 (1 dose BID) 400mcg: \$105 (1 dose BID)	Yes
	QVAR (200)	Beclomethasone	pMDI	50mcg: 0.21 100mcg: 0.39	50mcg: \$39 (1 dose BID) 100mcg: \$71 (1 dose BID)	Yes

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LABA	Onbrez Breezhaler (30)	Indacaterol	DPI	75mcg: 1.78	\$160 (1 dose QD)	No
	Oxeze Turbuhaler (30)	Formoterol	DPI	6mcg: 0.71 12mcg: 0.93	6mcg: \$129 (1 dose BID) 12mcg: \$167 (1 dose BID)	Yes
	Serevent Diskus (60)	Salmeterol	DPI	50mcg: 1.24	\$224 (1 dose BID)	Yes
LAMA	Incruse Ellipta (30)	Umeclidinium	DPI	62.5mcg: 1.9	\$171 (1 dose QD)	Yes
	Seebri Breezhaler (30)	Glycopyrronium	DPI	50mcg: 2.07	\$186 (1 dose QD)	Yes
	Spiriva Handihaler (30)	Tiotropium	DPI	18mcg: 1.21	\$109 (1 dose QD)	Yes
	Spiriva Respimat (60)	Tiotropium	SMI	2.5mcg: 1.03	\$186 (2 doses QD)	Yes
	Tudorza Genuair (60)	Aclidinium	DPI	400mcg: 1.04	\$186 (1 dose BID)	Yes
ICS + LABA	Advair Diskus (60)	Fluticasone propionate, Salmeterol	DPI	100/50mcg: 1.73 250/50mcg: 2.06 500/50mcg: 2.89	100/50mcg: \$312 (1 dose BID) 250/50mcg: \$371 (1 dose BID) 500/50mcg: \$521 (1 dose BID)	SA
	Fluticasone/salmeterol generics (ie. Mylan-Wixela Inhub, PMS) (60)	Fluticasone propionate, Salmeterol	DPI	100/50mcg: 0.84 250/50mcg: 0.99 500/50mcg: 1.37	100/50mcg: \$151 (1 dose BID) 250/50mcg: \$178 (1 dose BID) 500/50mcg: \$247 (1 dose BID)	SA
	Advair HFA (120)	Fluticasone propionate, Salmeterol	pMDI	125/25mcg: 1.03 250/25mcg: 1.45	125/25mcg: \$371 (2 doses BID) 250/25mcg: \$521 (2 doses BID)	SA
	Ateectura Breezhaler (30)	Mometasone, Indacaterol	DPI	150/80mcg: 1.28 150/160mcg: 1.56 150/320mcg: 2.09	150/80mcg: \$115 (1 dose QD) 150/160mcg: \$140 (1 dose QD) 150/320mcg: \$188 (1 dose QD)	SA
	Breo Ellipta (30)	Fluticasone furoate, Vilanterol	DPI	100/25mcg: 3.45 200/25mcg: 5.31	100/25mcg: \$310 (1 dose QD) 200/25mcg: \$478 (1 dose QD)	SA
	Symbicort Turbuhaler(120)	Budesonide, Formoterol	DPI	100/6mcg: 0.69, 200/6mcg: 0.89	100/6mcg: \$124, 200/6mcg: \$160 (1 dose BID)	SA
	Zenhale (120)	Mometasone, Formoterol	pMDI	100/5mcg: 1.02, 200/5mcg: 1.23	100/5mcg: \$368, 200/5mcg: \$444 (2 doses BID)	SA
	LAMA + LABA	Anoro Ellipta (30)	Umeclidinium, Vilanterol	DPI	62.5/25mcg: 3.25	\$292 (1 dose QD)
Duaklir Genuair (60)		Aclidinium, Formoterol	DPI	400/12mcg: 1.17	\$211 (1 dose BID)	Yes
Inspiolto Respimat (60)		Tiotropium, Olodaterol	SMI	2.5/2.5mcg: 1.20	\$216 (2 doses QD)	Yes
Ultibro Breezhaler (30)		Indacaterol, Glycopyrronium	DPI	0.11/0.05mg: 2.86	\$258 (1 dose QD)	Yes
ICS + LABA + LAMA	Breztri Aerosphere (120)	Budesonide, Formoterol, Glycopyrronium	MDIa	182/5.8/8.2mcg: 1.15	\$414 (2 doses BID)	SA
	Energair Breezhaler (30)	Indacaterol, Glycopyrronium, Mometasone	DPI	150/50/160 mcg: 3.75	\$337 (1 dose QD)	SA
	Trelegy Ellipta (30)	Fluticasone furoate, Umeclidinium, Vilanterol	DPI	100/62.5/25mcg: 4.97 200/62.5/25mcg: 5.43	100/62.5/25mcg: \$447 (1 dose QD) 200/62.5/25mcg: \$489 (1 dose QD)	SA

This chart was adapted by Hannah Yua, Clinical Pharmacist, Edmonton O-day/min Primary Care Network (Alberta) from the Respiratory Inhaler Comparison Chart developed by Brenda Chang, Clinical Pharmacy Practitioner, St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team (Ontario). *Cost based on supplier prices for one Edmonton pharmacy as of April 2025. **Cost estimate is rounded to the nearest dollar, based on the number of puffs in a 90 day supply, not rounded to the nearest whole inhaler, and includes a \$4.49 dispensing fee. Note that the majority of pharmacies have higher dispensing fees (AB maximum dispensing fee: \$12.15).