

# Your medication

## Metaproterenol (Alupent)

### Why do I need this medicine?

Metaproterenol helps **asthma**. It will help you breath easier.

### How do I take this medicine?

1. Use this medicine as your doctor tells you. **Do not** use more of it. **Do not** use it more often.
2. Read the instructions on how to use your inhaler carefully **before** using this medicine.

### What common side effects may I have?

You may feel nervous or jittery. This happens when you use too much metaproterenol. Use **only** what your doctor told you.

### What special things do I need to know?

1. If you still have trouble breathing after using metaproterenol or if you feel worse, call your doctor.
2. If you are also taking another breathing medicine that is a steroid-like medicine, wait 15 minutes after using the metaproterenol. **After** 15 minutes, you can use the steroid-like medicine. Steroid-like medicines are Azmacort, Vanceril, Beclovent, Beconase, Vancenase, or Aerobid.
3. If you have chest pain, headaches, or feel dizzy, call your doctor.



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4. Keep all medicine out of the reach of children. Even a small amount of this medicine may make a child very sick or cause death. Keep all your medicines in a safe place where children cannot get them.
5. **Do not** share this medicine with anyone.
6. If you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding, tell your doctor **before** you take this medicine. **This medicine may have harmful effects on unborn babies.** If you are not using birth control, be sure and tell your doctor.
7. Make sure to **keep your appointments** for doctor visits and blood tests.
8. Tell your doctor if you are **allergic to any medicine.**
9. All medicines can cause side effects. Usually, these side effects will get better after a few days. If they do not, you should tell your doctor. The doctor can make some changes in the medicine. **Do not** stop taking the medicine unless the doctor tells you to. Side effects **do not** mean that you are allergic to the medicine.