Patient's Instructions for Use

SPIRIVA® HandiHaler® (tiotropium bromide inhalation powder)



Do NOT swallow SPIRIVA capsules.



Step 1: Put the SPIRIVA capsule into the HandiHaler device.
Step 2: Inhale the medicine through your mouth.

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First read the Patient Information that comes with SPIRIVA HandiHaler for important information about using SPIRIVA HandiHaler.

Read these Patient's Instructions for Use before you start to use SPIRIVA HandiHaler and each time you refill your prescription. There may be new information.

For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

SPIRIVA HandiHaler comes with SPIRIVA capsules and a HandiHaler device. The HandiHaler device is an inhalation device that is for use only with SPIRIVA capsules. Do not use the HandiHaler device to take any other medicine.

Becoming familiar with SPIRIVA HandiHaler:

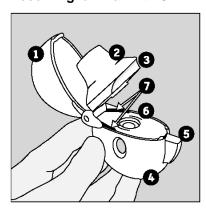
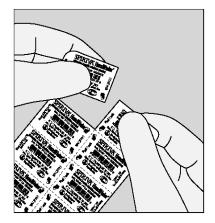


Figure A

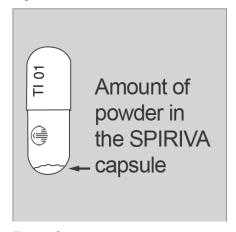
Remove the HandiHaler device from the pouch and become familiar with its components. (Figure A)

- 1. dust cap
- 2. mouthpiece
- 3. mouthpiece ridge
- 4. base
- 5. green piercing button
- 6. center chamber
- 7. air intake vents



Each SPIRIVA capsule is packaged in a blister. Each blister can be separated from the blister card by tearing along the perforation. (Figure B)

Figure B



Do not open the SPIRIVA capsule before you insert it into the HandiHaler device. If you open the SPIRIVA capsule, it may not work. Each SPIRIVA capsule contains only a small amount of powder. (Figure C) This is one full dose. The product was designed this way.

Figure C

How do I inhale the contents of the SPIRIVA capsule using the HandiHaler device?

Taking your dose of medicine using the <u>HandiHaler</u> device has four main steps:

- 1. Open the HandiHaler device and the blister
- 2. Insert the SPIRIVA capsule
- 3. **Press** the green piercing button
- 4. Breathe in (inhale) your medicine

(See below for details)

Opening the HandiHaler device:

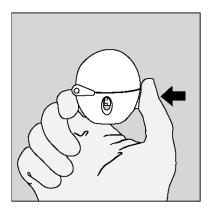
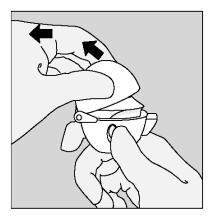


Figure 1

1. Open the dust cap by pressing the green piercing button. (Figure 1)



Pull the dust cap upwards to expose the mouthpiece. (Figure 2)

Figure 2



Open the mouthpiece by pulling the mouthpiece ridge upwards away from the base. (Figure 3)

Figure 3

Removing a SPIRIVA capsule:

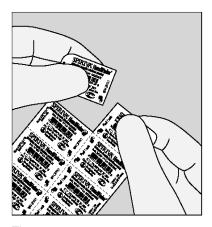


Figure 4

Before removing a SPIRIVA capsule from the blister, separate one of the blisters from the blister card by tearing along the perforation. (Figure 4)

Do not swallow SPIRIVA capsules.

Always store SPIRIVA capsules in the sealed blisters. Remove only one SPIRIVA capsule from the blister right before use. Do not store SPIRIVA capsules in the HandiHaler device. Inhale the contents of the SPIRIVA capsule using the HandiHaler device right away after the blister packaging of an individual SPIRIVA capsule is opened, or else it may not work as well.

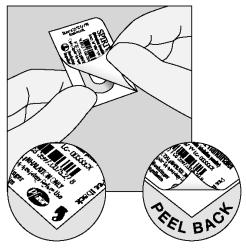


Figure 5

Right before you are ready to use your SPIRIVA HandiHaler:

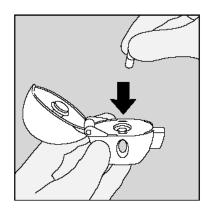
Bend back and forth one of the corners of the blister that has an arrow and then with your finger separate the aluminum foil layers. Carefully peel back the printed foil until you can see the whole SPIRIVA capsule. (Figure 5)

Turn the blister upside down and tip the SPIRIVA capsule out, tapping the back of the blister, if needed.

Do not cut the foil or use sharp instruments to take out the SPIRIVA capsule from the blister.

If more SPIRIVA capsules are opened to air, they should not be used and should be thrown away.

Inserting the SPIRIVA capsule into the HandiHaler device:



2. Insert (put) the SPIRIVA capsule in the center chamber of the HandiHaler device. It does not matter which end of the SPIRIVA capsule you put in the chamber. (Figure 6)



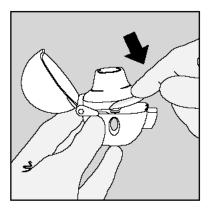


Figure 7

Close the mouthpiece **until you hear a click**, but leave the dust cap open. (Figure 7)

Be sure that you have the mouthpiece sitting firmly against the gray base.

Taking your dose using the HandiHaler device:

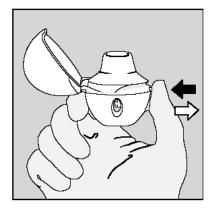


Figure 8

Hold the HandiHaler device with the mouthpiece upright. It is important that you hold the HandiHaler device in an upright position (Figure 8) when pressing the green piercing button.

3. Press the green piercing button until it is flat (flush) against the base, and release. This is how you make holes in the SPIRIVA capsule so that you get the medicine when you breathe in.

Do not press the green button more than one time.

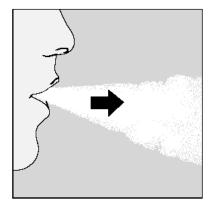


Figure 9

Breathe out completely. (Figure 9)

Important: Do not breathe (exhale) into the mouthpiece of the HandiHaler device at any time.

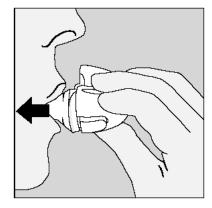


Figure 10

4. Breathe in (inhale)

- Hold the HandiHaler device by the gray base. Do not block the air intake vents.
- Raise the HandiHaler device to your mouth and close your lips tightly around the mouthpiece.
- Keep your head in an upright position. The HandiHaler device should be in a horizontal position. (Figure 10)
- Breathe in slowly and deeply so that you hear or feel the SPIRIVA capsule vibrate.
- Breathe in until your lungs are full.
- Hold your breath as long as is comfortable and at the same time take the HandiHaler device out of your mouth. Breathe normally again.

To make sure you get the full dose, you must breathe out completely, and inhale again as in step 4 above (Figure 10). Do not press the green piercing button again.

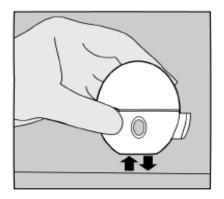


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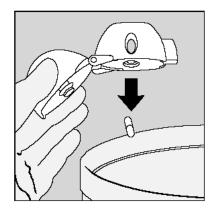


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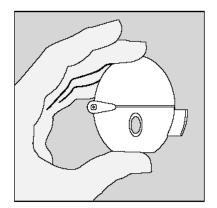


Figure 13

If you do not hear or feel the SPIRIVA capsule vibrate, <u>do not press the green piercing button again.</u> Instead, hold the HandiHaler device in an upright position and tap the HandiHaler device gently on a table. (Figure 11)

Check to see that the mouthpiece is completely closed. Then, breathe in again – slowly and deeply.

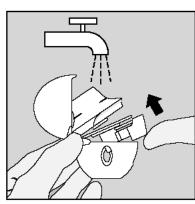
If you still do not hear or feel the SPIRIVA capsule vibrate after repeating the above steps, throw away the SPIRIVA capsule. Open the base by lifting the green piercing button and check the center chamber for pieces of the SPIRIVA capsule (SPIRIVA capsule fragments). SPIRIVA capsule fragments in the center chamber can cause a SPIRIVA capsule not to vibrate. Turn the HandiHaler device upside down and gently tap to remove the SPIRIVA capsule fragments. Call your doctor for instructions.

After you finish taking your daily dose of SPIRIVA HandiHaler, open the mouthpiece again. Tip out the used SPIRIVA capsule and throw it away. (Figure 12)

Close the mouthpiece and dust cap for storage of your HandiHaler device. (Figure 13)

Do not store used or unused SPIRIVA capsules in the HandiHaler device.

When and how should I clean my HandiHaler device?



Clean the HandiHaler device one time each month or as needed. (Figure 14)

- Open the dust cap and mouthpiece.
- Open the base by lifting the green piercing button.
- Look at the center chamber for SPIRIVA capsule fragments or powder residue.
- Rinse the HandiHaler device with warm water. Check that any powder buildup or SPIRIVA capsule fragments are removed.
- Do not use cleaning agents or detergents.
- Do not place the HandiHaler device in the dishwasher for cleaning.
- Dry the HandiHaler device well by tipping the excess water out on a paper towel. Air-dry afterwards, leaving the dust cap, mouthpiece, and base open.

Figure 14

- Do not use a hair dryer to dry the HandiHaler device.
- It takes 24 hours to air dry, so clean the HandiHaler device right after you use it so that it will be ready for your next dose.
- Do not use the HandiHaler device when it is wet. If needed, you may clean the outside of the mouthpiece with a clean damp cloth.

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What is SPIRIVA HandiHaler?

SPIRIVA HandiHaler is a prescription medicine that you use one time every day (a maintenance medicine) to control symptoms of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). SPIRIVA HandiHaler helps make your lungs work better for 24 hours. SPIRIVA HandiHaler relaxes your airways and helps keep them open. You may start to feel like it is easier to breathe on the first day, but it may take longer for you to feel the full effects of the medicine. SPIRIVA HandiHaler works best and may help make it easier to breathe when you use it every day.

SPIRIVA HandiHaler also reduces the likelihood of flare-ups and worsening of COPD symptoms (COPD exacerbations). A COPD exacerbation is defined as an increase or new onset of more than one COPD symptom such as cough, mucus, shortness of breath, and wheezing that requires medicine beyond your rescue medicine.

SPIRIVA HandiHaler is **not** a rescue medicine and should not be used for treating sudden breathing problems. Your doctor may give you other medicine to use for sudden breathing problems.

SPIRIVA HandiHaler has not been studied in children.

Who should not take SPIRIVA HandiHaler?

Do not use SPIRIVA HandiHaler if you:

- are allergic to tiotropium. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients.
- have had an allergic reaction to ipratropium (Atrovent[®]).

Allergic reactions may include itching, rash, or swelling of the lips, tongue, or throat (trouble swallowing).

What should I tell my doctor before using SPIRIVA HandiHaler?

Before taking SPIRIVA HandiHaler, tell your doctor about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have kidney problems.
- have glaucoma. SPIRIVA HandiHaler may make your glaucoma worse.
- have an enlarged prostate, problems passing urine, or a blockage in your bladder. SPIRIVA HandiHaler may make

these problems worse.

- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if SPIRIVA HandiHaler could harm your unborn baby.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if SPIRIVA HandiHaler passes into breast milk. You and your doctor will decide if SPIRIVA HandiHaler is right for you while you breast-feed.
- have a severe allergy to milk proteins. Ask your doctor if you are not sure.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines and eye drops, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Some of your other medicines or supplements may affect the way SPIRIVA HandiHaler works. SPIRIVA HandiHaler is an anticholinergic medicine. You should not take other anticholinergic medicines while using SPIRIVA HandiHaler, including ipratropium. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure if one of your medicines is an anticholinergic.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines with you to show your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take SPIRIVA HandiHaler?

- Use SPIRIVA HandiHaler exactly as prescribed. Use SPIRIVA HandiHaler one time every day.
- Read the "Patient's Instructions for Use" at the end of this leaflet before you use SPIRIVA HandiHaler. Talk with your doctor if you do not understand the instructions.
- Do not swallow SPIRIVA capsules.
- Only use SPIRIVA capsules with the HandiHaler device.
- Do not use the HandiHaler device to take any other medicine.
- SPIRIVA HandiHaler comes as a powder in a SPIRIVA capsule that fits the HandiHaler device. Each SPIRIVA capsule, containing only a small amount of SPIRIVA powder, is one full dose of medicine.
- Separate one blister from the blister card. Then take out one of the SPIRIVA capsules from the blister package right before you use it.
- After the capsule is pierced, take a complete dose of SPIRIVA HandiHaler by breathing in the powder by mouth two
 times, using the HandiHaler device (take 2 inhalations from one SPIRIVA capsule). See the "Patient's Instructions for
 Use" at the end of this leaflet.
- Throw away any SPIRIVA capsule that is not used right away after it is taken out of the blister package. Do not leave the SPIRIVA capsules open to air; they may not work as well.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. Do not use SPIRIVA HandiHaler more than one time every 24 hours.
- If you use more than your prescribed dose of SPIRIVA HandiHaler, call your doctor or a poison control center.

What should I avoid while using SPIRIVA HandiHaler?

Do not let the powder from the SPIRIVA capsule get into your eyes. Your vision may get blurry and the pupil in your eye may get larger (dilate). If this happens, call your doctor.

What are the possible side effects of SPIRIVA HandiHaler?

SPIRIVA HandiHaler can cause serious side effects. If you get any of the following side effects, stop taking SPIRIVA HandiHaler and get medical help right away.

- Allergic reaction. Symptoms may include: itching, rash, swelling of the lips, tongue, or throat (trouble swallowing).
- Sudden narrowing and blockage of the airways into the lungs (bronchospasm). Your breathing suddenly gets worse.
- New or worsened increased pressure in the eyes (acute narrow-angle glaucoma). Symptoms of acute narrow-angle glaucoma may include: eye pain, blurred vision, seeing halos (visual halos) or colored images along with red eyes.
- **New or worsened urinary retention.** Symptoms of blockage in your bladder and/or enlarged prostate may include: difficulty passing urine, painful urination.

Other side effects with SPIRIVA HandiHaler include:

- upper respiratory tract infection
- dry mouth
- sinus infection
- sore throat
- non-specific chest pain
- urinary tract infection

- indigestion
- runny nose
- constipation
- increased heart rate
- blurred vision

These are not all the possible side effects with SPIRIVA HandiHaler. Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How do I store SPIRIVA HandiHaler?

- Do not store SPIRIVA capsules in the HandiHaler device.
- Store SPIRIVA capsules in the sealed blister package at room temperature between 68°F–77°F (20°–25°C).
- Keep SPIRIVA capsules away from heat and cold (do not freeze).
- Store SPIRIVA capsules in a dry place. Throw away any unused SPIRIVA capsules that have been open to air.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about storing your SPIRIVA capsules.

Keep SPIRIVA HandiHaler, SPIRIVA capsules, and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about SPIRIVA HandiHaler

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in Patient Information leaflets. Do not use SPIRIVA HandiHaler for a purpose for which it has not been prescribed. Do not give SPIRIVA HandiHaler to other people even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

For more information about SPIRIVA HandiHaler, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about SPIRIVA HandiHaler that is written for health professionals.

For more information about SPIRIVA HandiHaler, you may call Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-800-542-6257 or (TTY) 1-800-459-9906.

What are the ingredients in SPIRIVA HandiHaler?

Active ingredient: tiotropium

Inactive ingredient: lactose monohydrate

What is COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)?

COPD is a serious lung disease that includes chronic bronchitis, emphysema, or both. Most COPD is caused by smoking. When you have COPD, your airways become narrow. So, air moves out of your lungs more slowly. This makes it hard to breathe.

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