





## Salbutamol 100 mcg/inhalation Multi-dose Inhalers

**The Issue:** Due to an increase in demand for salbutamol multi-dose inhalers (MDI) in Canada secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic, Teva Canada has been authorized by Health Canada to import an extra supply of UK-labelled product. NH will be ordering this product for use in hospitals as needed.

**Clinical Use:** Salbutamol is a bronchodilator used for various acute and chronic respiratory conditions.

**Practice Implications:** Staff may see both the Canadian and UK-labelled product in circulation in the coming months. Staff should be aware that both products contain the same active ingredient and are identical in concentration. The UK-labelled product is also compatible with the aerochambers used in NH. **Further, the UK-labelled product requires 2 sprays to be released into the air before using it for the first time, or if it has not been used for more than 4 days.** Health Canada is advising healthcare professionals to continue to follow Canadian dosing recommendations when using, prescribing, or dispensing the UK-labelled product. For more information, see: <https://healthykanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2020/73095a-eng.php>.

### Product Comparison:

Canadian-labelled Product	UK-labelled Product
<b>Same Concentration:</b> Salbutamol 100 mcg per inhalation	
<b>Same Dosage Form:</b> Multi-dose Inhaler (MDI)	
<b>Priming:</b> 3 sprays into the air before first use and if not used for more than 2 weeks	<b>Priming:</b> 2 sprays into the air before first use and if not used for more than 4 days
	

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	<b>Temporary Medication Change</b>	✓	
	Best Practice		