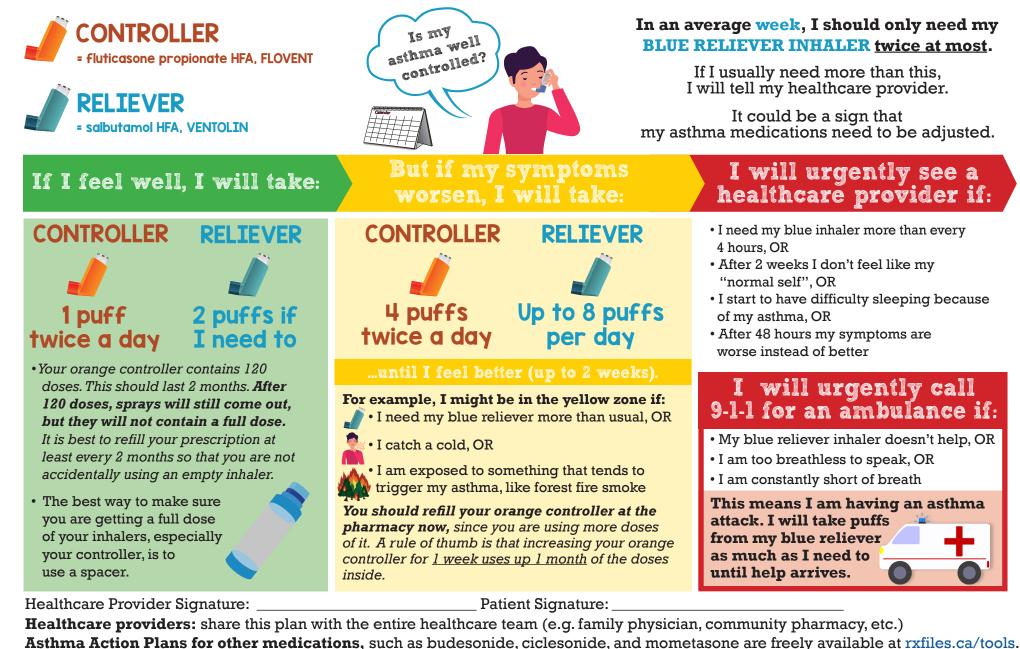
ADULT ASTHMA ACTION PLAN (age 16 years and older using fluticasone propionate)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

This asthma action plan shows me **how** and **when** to increase the dose of my asthma medications.



# **ACTION PLAN** page 2 - fluticasone propionate

### MY **INFORMATION**

Name: Doctor:

Health card number:

#### Who is this action plan for?

This plan is for adults and adolescents on one the following controllers:<sup>1</sup>

- fluticasone propionate at a **very low dose** (50mcg inhaler taken as l puff twice daily)
- fluticasone propionate at a **low dose** (125mcg inhaler taken as l puff twice daily)
- □ fluticasone propionate at a **medium dose** (250mcg inhaler taken as l puff twice daily)

These doses can control around half of people with asthma.<sup>4</sup>

## What else can I do to help my asthma?

• I can stay up to date on my vaccinations.

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- →Some vaccinations that are especially important for my lungs include COVID-19 vaccines, influenza vaccines, and pneumococcal vaccines.
- I can make sure I take my orange controller inhaler twice a day.  $\rightarrow$ I will tell my healthcare provider if I often forget to take my orange controller.
- I can identify and avoid things that seem to trigger my asthma.





- I can exercise regularly to keep my lungs strong.
- →If exercise makes my asthma worse, I should tell my healthcare provider. I may need my asthma medications adjusted.
- If I smoke, I can guit smoking to protect my lungs from damage.
- →When I am ready to guit smoking, I will let my healthcare provider know. They can help me make a plan.
- I can ask my pharmacist to double-check that my inhaler technique is perfect.
- →Some people find certain inhalers easier to use than others. For example, there are inhalers that only need to be taken once a day, inhalers that do not need a spacer, and inhalers that have a dose counter. I will talk to my healthcare provider if I want to ask about a different inhaler device.
- →Inhaler technique: https://www.lungsask.ca/lung-diseases/inhalers/inhaler-videos

# Who is this action plan NOT for?

- **NOT** for people needing an asthma controller medication in addition to fluticasone propionate (e.g. a long-acting beta agonist such as salmeterol or formoterol, or combination product).
- **NOT** for kids under the age of 16.<sup>2,4</sup>
- **NOT** for people on **high doses** of fluticasone propionate (e.g. 500mcg twice daily).<sup>1,3</sup>
- NOT for people requiring 2 puffs of fluticasone propionate twice daily.

#### What are some signs I may need my asthma medications adjusted?<sup>4</sup>



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- I usually need to use my blue reliever inhaler more than twice a week.
- I have asthma symptoms overnight.
- I have difficulty exercising because of my asthma symptoms.
- I have to miss work or school because of my asthma.
- I have trouble using my inhalers or often forget to take them
- I have to use my asthma action plan a few times a year.

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