

Composition : Each Metered dose (Puff) contains Beclometasone Dipropionate 100 mcg.

Indication : **Becovent** is indicated in the maintenance treatment of asthma as prophylactic therapy in patients 5 years of age and older. **Becovent** is also indicated for asthma patients who require systemic corticosteroid administration, where adding **Becovent** may reduce or eliminate the need for the systemic corticosteroids.

Dosage and administration : **Becovent** inhaler is for oral inhalation use only. Patients should be given a starting dose of inhaled **Becovent** appropriate to the severity of their disease. The dose may then be adjusted until control is achieved or reduced to the minimum effective dose according to individual response.

Management of chronic asthma (Adults & Children over 12 years): 100-400 mcg twice daily. Maximum 1000 mcg twice daily.
Children (5-12 years): 100-200 mcg twice daily. the dose may be adjusted as necessary.

Prophylaxis of asthma (Adults & Children over 12 years) : 100-200 mcg twice daily. Increased if necessary to maximum 400 mcg twice daily. **Children (5-12 years):** The usual starting dose is 100 mcg twice daily. Depending on the severity of asthma, the daily dose may be increased up to 400 mcg administered in 2-4 divided doses. When switching a asthma patient from another corticosteroid inhaler, initially a 100 mcg/puff of **Becovent** should be prescribed. Or, as directed by the registered physician.

Side effects : **Becovent** inhalation aerosol has been found generally well tolerated in the extensive clinical development program. The adverse effects that occurred in a very few patients are headache,

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pharyngitis, URTI, rhinitis, sinusitis, pain, back pain, nausea, etc. In some patients, inhaled **Becovent** may cause hoarseness or throat irritation.

Contraindications : **Becovent** is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to any component of this product. Special care is necessary in patients with active or quiescent pulmonary tuberculosis. **Becovent** is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Pregnancy and lactation : There is inadequate evidence of safety in human pregnancy. Administration of corticosteroids to pregnant animals can cause abnormalities of fetal development including cleft palate & intra-uterine growth retardation. The use of **Becovent** in mother's breast feeding their babies requires that the therapeutic benefits of the drug be weighed against the potential hazards to the baby.

Precautions : Patients should be instructed in the proper use of the inhaler, and their technique checked, to ensure that the drug reaches the target areas within the lungs. They should also be made aware that **Becovent** inhaler has to be used regularly, everyday, even when they are asymptomatic, for optimum benefit, Pressurised canisters, do not puncture, break or incinerate even when empty.

Drug interaction : No information provided.

Packing : **Becovent HFA Inhaler :** Each box contains one inhaler of 200 Puffs.