

# Scenarios to test your knowledge

You may have watched videos with scenarios involving inhaler technique. Use this additional scenarios to apply your knowledge further.



You are handing out dispensed medication for a patient who has just been prescribed a turbohaler. They previously used a Ventolin evohaler. On, they confirm it is new to them, so you suggest signing them up to the New Medicines Service (NMS). You explain that this means that you will give them a call in a week or two, to check how they are getting on with the inhaler.

You proceed to advise them about the correct steps for using the turbohaler.

**Which of the following is part of your advice of using the turbohaler?**

1. One should inhale gently, a deep inhalation is not required
2. One should inhale deeply and forcefully
3. It doesn't matter what force of inhalation you use with turbohalers.

The pharmacist has the following conversation with the patient during the first NMS consultation:

**Pharmacist:** ' Can I start by checking what your understanding of this inhaler is?'

**Patient:** 'Well I think the other inhaler I was using was fine but I started needing to use it more often, so the doctor suggested I now use this, as it will work better.'

What is the best response to this? Write your thoughts here:

On finding out that the turbohaler has a steroid in it, the patient is concerned and asks 'is it good to be using a steroid?'

What is the best response to this question? Write your thoughts here:

As part of the consultation, you carry out an assessment with the in-check dial device.

Describe the steps that you would tell the patient to carry out when assessing their inhaler technique with the in-check dial device

The patient asks you how to use this device, they are concerned that it looks complicated

Describe the steps that you would you advise them to use this inhaler device?