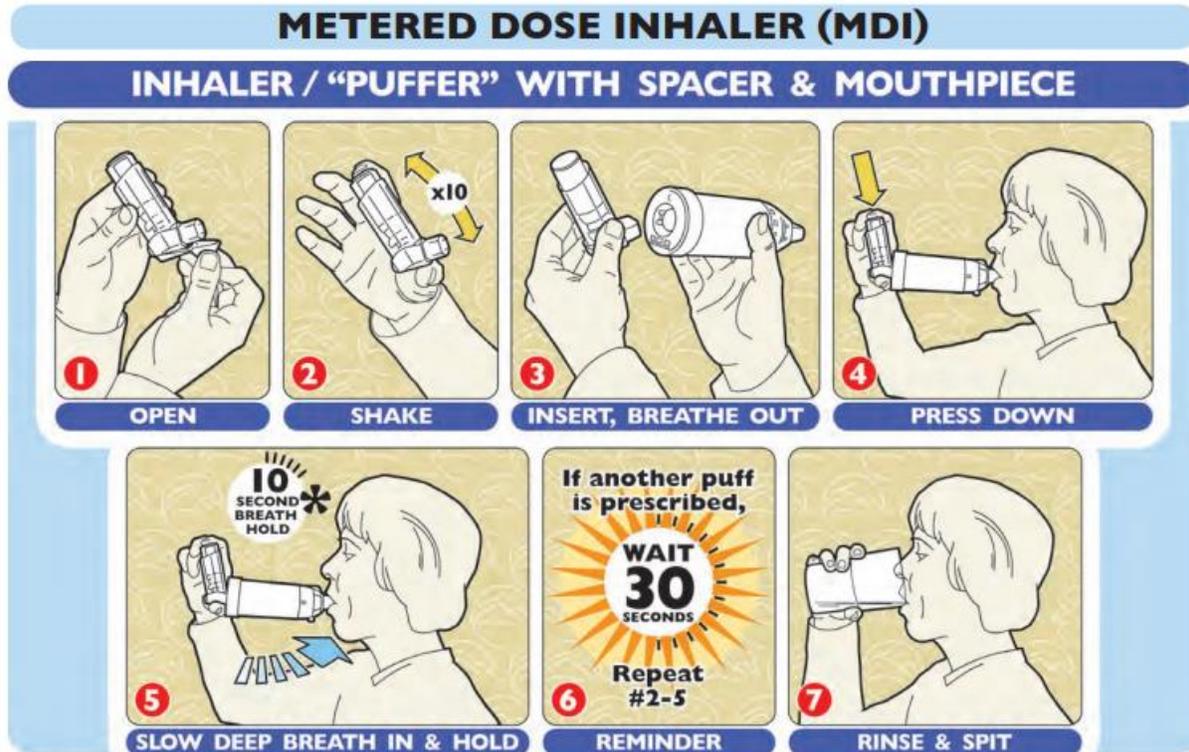


# Respiratory Education- Using a MDI/Puffer with spacer

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## Using a MDI/Puffer with Spacer



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Note:** Using an inhaler without a spacer is **NOT** recommended.  
Place mouthpiece between your teeth and close your lips.  
**\*If you are not able to hold your breath, take 6 normal breaths.**

**Spacers:** Replace spacer if valves are missing or broken. Suggest replacing spacer yearly.  
**Whistle:** The whistle sound is a warning to SLOW your breathing.  
**Cleaning:** Every 2 weeks. Soak in warm soapy water for 15 minutes, remove from water, shake and let air dry.

**Empty?:** Shake it. If it feels light or you do not feel liquid moving, it is empty and needs to be replaced. Some devices have counters. "0" means it is empty. Throw it away.

**Expired?:** Pull the metal canister out of the plastic sleeve to check the expiry date on the canister.

**Reminder:** Replace cap on plastic sleeve to store MDI.

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