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## COPD inhaled medication table update

This is a 2024 update to the BC Provincial Academic Detailing (PAD) Service's 2020 Table "COPD Inhaled Medications Table" which includes additions to the inhaled medications list and COPD BC PharmaCare coverage changes. Refer to [chronic obstructive pulmonary disease \(COPD\)](#) for complete details on the stepwise approach to PharmaCare coverage of COPD inhalers in B.C.

COPD: Inhaled medications marketed in Canada <sup>1,2</sup>				
Medication	Brand name, <i>inhaler device</i> (dose per inhalation)	Usual adult dose	Cost per 30 days	BC PharmaCare coverage
<b>SABA short-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist</b>				
salbutamol	Ventolin HFA MDI, Airomir MDI, generics (100 mcg)	1-2 inh QID (max 8 inh/day)	\$10/200 inh	regular benefit
	Ventolin Diskus (200 mcg)	1 inh every 4-6 hours (max 4 inh/day)	\$15/60 inh	non-benefit
terbutaline	Bricanyl Turbuhaler (500 mcg)	1-2 inh PRN (max 6 inh/day)	\$15/120 inh	regular benefit
<b>SAMA short-acting muscarinic antagonist</b>				
ipratropium	Atrovent HFA MDI (20 mcg)	2-4 inh TID-QID (max 12 inh/day)	\$25/200 inh	regular benefit
<b>SAMA + SABA short-acting muscarinic antagonist + short-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist</b>				
ipratropium + salbutamol	Combivent Respimat (20/100 mcg)	1 inh QID (max 6 inh/day)	\$35/120 inh	regular benefit
<b>LAMA long-acting muscarinic antagonist</b>				
umeclidinium	Incruse Ellipta (62.5 mcg)	1 inh once a day	\$55	regular benefit
tiotropium	Spiriva Respimat (2.5 mcg)	2 inh once a day	\$60	
tiotropium	Spiriva HandiHaler, LupinHaler generic (18 mcg)	1 inh once a day	\$45 <sup>generic</sup> \$60	limited coverage after a minimum one-month trial of each regular benefit LAMA
aclidinium	Tudorza Genuair (400 mcg)	1 inh BID	\$60	
glycopyrronium	Seebri Breezhaler (50 mcg)	1 inh once a day	\$60	
<b>LABA long-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist</b>				
salmeterol	Serevent Diskus (50 mcg)	1 inh BID	\$80	limited coverage unable to use a LAMA
<b>LAMA + LABA long-acting muscarinic antagonist + long-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist</b>				
aclidinium + formoterol	Duaklir Genuair (400/12 mcg)	1 inh BID	\$70	limited coverage after a 6-month trial of a LAMA or a LABA
glycopyrronium + indacaterol	Ultibro Breezhaler (50/110 mcg)	1 inh once a day	\$85	
tiotropium + olodaterol	Inspiolto Respimat (2.5/2.5 mcg)	2 inh once a day	\$70	
umeclidinium + vilanterol	Anoro Ellipta (62.5/25 mcg)	1 inh once a day	\$95	
<b>ICS + LABA inhaled corticosteroid + long-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist</b>				
fluticasone propionate + salmeterol	Advair Diskus, generics DPI, Wixela Inhub (250/50 mcg)	1 inh BID	\$55 <sup>generic</sup> \$130	limited coverage after a 6-month trial of a LAMA or a LABA & frequent exacerbations
	Advair Diskus, generics DPI, Wixela Inhub (500/50 mcg)	1 inh BID	\$80 <sup>generic</sup> \$180	
fluticasone furoate + vilanterol	Breo Ellipta (100/25 mcg)	1 inh once a day	\$110	
budesonide + formoterol	Symbicort Turbuhaler (200/6 mcg)	2 inh BID	\$100	non-benefit
<b>ICS + LAMA + LABA inhaled corticosteroid + long-acting muscarinic antagonist + long-acting beta<sub>2</sub> agonist</b>				
fluticasone furoate + umeclidinium + vilanterol	Trelegy Ellipta (100/62.5/25 mcg)	1 inh once a day	\$150	limited coverage after a 6-month trial of LAMA+LABA or ICS+LABA, & frequent exacerbations
budesonide + glycopyrronium + formoterol	Breztri Aerosphere (182/8.2/5.8 mcg)	2 inh BID	\$140	

HFA hydrofluoroalkane; MDI metered dose inhaler; DPI dry powder inhaler; mcg micrograms; inh inhalation; BID twice a day; TID three times a day; QID four times a day; PRN when necessary; Cost without mark-up and professional fee calculated from McKesson Canada rounded to nearest \$5 (accessed March 6, 2024)

<sup>1</sup> Health Canada Drug Product Monographs; <sup>2</sup> BC PAD COPD Newsletter 2017