## How to Use the Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI)



## **Instructions:**

- 1. Remove the cap from the inhaler. Some must be squeezed at the sides to release.
- 2. Check the dose counter if the inhaler has one.
- 3. Hold the inhaler upright and shake well.
- 4. Tilt your head back slightly.
- 5. Turn your head away from the inhaler and exhale.
- 6. Place the mouthpiece between your teeth without biting it. Close your lips around the mouthpiece to form a good seal.
- 7. Breathe in slowly through the mouth and at the same time press down firmly on the canister. Take a slow and deep breath.
- 8. Remove the inhaler from your mouth.
- 9. Hold your breath for 10 seconds or as long as comfortable.
- 10. Exhale slowly through your mouth or nose away from the inhaler.
- 11. If more than one dose is needed, repeat all steps starting from step 3.
- 12. Replace the cap.

## Tips:

- Keep your chin up and the inhaler upright.
- If you are using a standard inhaler for a corticosteroid preventer medication, also use a spacer.
- Remember to rinse your mouth thoroughly after taking your dose and spit out the water.