

Generic ICS/LABA Inhalers

- **Wixela™ Inhub™** is fluticasone/salmeterol in the same doses as Advair®, but in a different device
- **Fluticasone/salmeterol Diskus** is an *authorized generic* of Advair®, meaning it is the same medications, doses and device as Advair® (purple diskus)
- **Fluticasone/salmeterol RespiClick®** is the generic of AirDuo® and contains the same medications as Advair®, but in different doses and a different device
- **Budesonide/formoterol** is an *authorized generic* of Symbicort®, meaning it is the same medications, doses and device as Symbicort®



Cost-Effective Prescribing Recommendations for ICS/LABA Inhalers

Insurance coverage for brand versus generic inhalers varies greatly

- Generic inhalers are *usually* cheaper for patients, especially for those paying cash or with unmet/high deductibles
- Brand Advair®, Breo® Ellipta®, and Dulera® remain more expensive out of pocket for most patients and insurance coverage varies

Writing for Generic Inhalers

Substitution laws in NY are vague about whether an authorized generic may be substituted for the brand

- If you would like generic fluticasone/salmeterol Diskus or Wixela™ Inhub™ dispensed, send prescriptions as “fluticasone/salmeterol” 100/50, 250/50, or 500/50 DAWO
- If you would like generic AirDuo® dispensed, send prescriptions as “fluticasone/salmeterol RespiClick” 55/14, 113/14, or 212/14
- If you would like generic Symbicort® dispensed, send prescriptions as “budesonide/formoterol” 80/4.5 or 160/4.5 DAWO

Writing for the generic ingredients will generally allow the pharmacist to select whichever product is cheapest/covered for the patient

Available ICS/LABA Inhaler Dosing Chart

Inhaler	Usual Dose and Frequency	Low Dose (per inhalation)	Medium Dose (per inhalation)	High Dose (per inhalation)
Fluticasone/salmeterol Diskus	1 inhalation BID	100/50 mcg	250/50 mcg	500/50 mcg
Fluticasone/salmeterol (Wixela™ Inhub™)	1 inhalation BID	100/50 mcg	250/50 mcg	500/50 mcg
Fluticasone/salmeterol Respiclick® (generic AirDuo®)	1 inhalation BID	55/14 mcg	113/14 mcg	212/14 mcg
Symbicort®	2 inhalations BID	80/4.5 mcg	80/4.5 mcg or 160/4.5 mcg	160/4.5 mcg
Budesonide/formoterol HFA (generic Symbicort®)	2 inhalations BID	80/4.8 mcg	80/4.5 mcg or 160/4.5 mcg	160/4.5 mcg
Dulera®	2 inhalations BID	--	100/5 mcg	200/5 mcg
Breo Ellipta®	1 inhalation once daily	100/25 mcg	--	200/25 mcg
Advair® HFA	2 inhalations BID	45/21 mcg	115/21 mcg	230/21 mcg
Advair Diskus®	1 inhalation BID	100/50 mcg	250/50 mcg	500/50 mcg

MDI: metered-dose inhaler, DPI: dry powder inhaler