When should you give a steroid TREATMENT card for inhaled corticosteroid prescriptions?

Steroid	Adult (> 12 years) TOTAL DAILY DOSE *	Child (2 to 12) TOTAL DAILY DOSE**	Child (< 2 years)
BECLOMETASONE DIPROPIONATE			
Including CFC-free Clenil Modulite®, Easyhaler®, Asmabec® and Soprobec®	≥ 800 micrograms daily	≥ 400 micrograms daily	
CFC-free Fostair®, Fostair® NEXThaler®, Kelhale® and Qvar®	≥ 400 micrograms daily	Unlicensed – give with any dose	
Trimbow [®]	Only for use in adults over 18 years of age ≥348 micrograms daily	Unlicensed – give with any dose	
BUDESONIDE	JDESONIDE		
Including Budelin®, Easyhaler®, Pulmicort®	≥ 800 micrograms daily**	≥ 400 micrograms daily	ALL CHILDREN
Fobumix®	Only for use in adults over 18 years of age. ≥ 640 micrograms	Unlicensed – give with any dose	
Symbicort®and Duoresp®	≥ 800 micrograms of budesonide daily	≥ 400 micrograms of budesonide daily	
CICLESONIDE			LESS THAN 2 YEARS OF AGE ON
Alvesco®	≥ 320 micrograms daily	Unlicensed – give with any dose	INHALED CORTICOSTEROIDS
FLUTICASONE			SHOULD BE GIVEN A STEROID CARD
Flixotide®, Flutiform®, Fusacomb®, Sereflo®, Combisal®, AirFluSal®, Stalplex®, Aloflute® and Seretide®	≥ 400 micrograms daily	≥ 200 micrograms daily	
Sirdupla [®]	Only for use in adults over 18 years of age ≥ 400 micrograms daily	Unlicensed – give with any dose	
Relvar Ellipta®	Adults (>12 years). All patients should be given a steroid treatment card ⁵	Unlicensed – give with any dose	
Trelegy Ellipta®	Only for use in adults over 18 years of age. All patients should be given a steroid treatment card ⁵	Unlicensed – give with any dose	
MOMETASONE furoate			
Asmanex [®]	≥ 400 micrograms daily	≥ 200micrograms daily	

^{**}Turbohaler® and aerosol inhalation doses can be considered equivalent (SIGN/BTS British Guideline on the Management of Asthma of November 2005); green text= formulary, back text= non-formulary or not on formulary

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