

Appendix 1B

Cost comparison chart – 30 days treatment of combination (ICS and LABA) inhalers

COMBINATION ICS & LABA	Equivalent BDP Dose Per Day (mcg)	Cost per 30 days treatment (£)
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 400MCG/12MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	greater than 1000 mcg	76.00
SERETIDE EVOHALER 250MCG/25MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	greater than 1000 mcg	59.48
FLUTIFORM INH 250/10MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	greater than 1000 mcg	45.56
SERETIDE ACCUHALER 500MCG/50MCG (2 INHAL DAILY)	greater than 1000 mcg	40.92
SERETIDE ACCUHALER 250MCG/50MCG (2 INHAL DAILY)	1000mcg or less	35.00
SERETIDE EVOHALER 125MCG/25MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	1000mcg or less	35.00
FOSTAIR INH 100MCG/6MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	1000mcg or less	29.32
FLUTIFORM INH 125/5MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	1000mcg or less	29.26
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 400MCG/12MCG (2 INHAL DAILY)	800mcg or less	38.00
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 200MCG/6MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	800mcg or less	38.00
FOSTAIR INH 100MCG/6MCG (2 INHAL DAILY)	800mcg or less	14.66
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 100MCG/6MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	33.00
SERETIDE ACCUHALER 100MCG/50MCG (2 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	31.19
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 400MCG/12MCG (1 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	19.00
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 200MCG/6MCG (2 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	19.00
SERETIDE EVOHALER 50MCG/25MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	18.00
FLUTIFORM INH 50/5MCG (4 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	18.00
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 100MCG/6MCG (2 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	16.50
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 200MCG/6MCG (1 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	9.50
SYMBICORT TURBOHALER 100MCG/6MCG (1 INHAL DAILY)	400mcg or less	8.25

Notes

1. Prices and dose details from BNF 65 Mar-Sep 2013.
2. Potency equivalence from SIGN/BTS Asthma Guideline and/or Summary of Product Characteristics (the dose ratio with beclometasone dipropionate for budesonide is 1:1, for fluticasone propionate it is 2:1 and for Fostair® it is 5:2 due to the extra-fine particles of beclometasone dipropionate created by the hydrofluoroalkane propelled metered dose inhaler, i.e. 400mcg extra-fine beclometasone equivalent to 1000mcg beclometasone:).
3. The dose of inhaled corticosteroid with Symbicort® and Fostair® is controlled by increasing or decreasing the number of inhalations rather than changing to a higher or lower potency inhaler, as is the case with Flutiform® and Seretide® which is why the Symbicort® and Fostair® inhalers appear more than once in the table.
4. The daily dose of an inhaled steroid is classified as a high dose if the equivalent daily dose is greater than 800mcg of BDP daily e.g. Flutiform inhaler 125/5mcg (4 inhal daily) is classified as high dose.