

Symbicort® (budesonide/formoterol) – Updated indication

- On September 11, 2017, the FDA approved AstraZeneca's <u>Symbicort (budesonide/formoterol)</u> for the twice daily maintenance treatment of airflow obstruction in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) including chronic bronchitis and/or emphysema. Symbicort 160/4.5 is also indicated to reduce exacerbations of COPD. Symbicort 160/4.5 is the only strength indicated for the treatment of COPD.
 - Previously, Symbicort was indicated for the twice daily maintenance treatment of airflow obstruction in patients with COPD including chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Symbicort 160/4.5 is the only strength indicated for the treatment of airflow obstruction in COPD.
 - Symbicort is also indicated for the treatment of asthma in patients 6 years of age and older.
 - Symbicort is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.
- Symbicort carries a boxed warning for asthma-related death.



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