

Drugs Commonly Used to Treat Asthma

Asthma causes swelling in your lungs that may make you cough or feel tightness in your chest, making it hard to breathe. A number of medications – taken as a pill or inhaled – are available to help you manage asthma and prevent asthma attacks.

The chart below lists some of the most commonly prescribed medications used to treat asthma. This chart only provides a sample list of drug options (not all drugs available) and may change.

Generic Drugs	Brand-name Drugs
albuterol	Accolate*
beclomethasone	Advair Diskus
budesonide	Advair HFA
flunisolide	Aerobid/Aerobid-M*
metaproterenol	Alvesco
terbutaline	Asmanex
	Azmacort*
	Brovana
	Flovent HFA/Flovent Diskus
	Foradil
	Maxair
	Perforomist
	Proair HFA
	Proventil HFA
	Pulmicort
	Qvar
	Serevent/Serevent Diskus
	Singulair
	Symbicort
	Ventolin HFA
	Ventolin Rotacaps
	Xopenex/Xopenex HFA
	Zyflo/Zyflo CR*



* Indicates a non-preferred brand

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