### MaineHealth

# **How to Take**

### Your Inhaler Medicines

### Dry Powder Inhaler (DPI)—Diskus



#### 1. Open

Keep the diskus level in one hand. Put the thumb of your other hand on the grip and push away until the mouthpiece appears and snaps into place.



#### 4. Inhale

Put the mouthpiece between your lips. Breathe in quickly and deeply through the diskus. Hold your breath for 10 seconds.



#### 2. Click

Slide the lever away from you as far as it will go until you hear or feel a click. Hold the diskus level and do not tip it or the dose may fall out.



#### 5. Close the diskus

Then, blow out gently.



#### 3. Breathe out

Turn your face away and breathe out.

Do not blow into the diskus.



## **6. Rinse your mouth** with water, gargle

and spit. **Do not swallow.** 

- Take only one breath each time.
- Do not shake the diskus.
- Do not get the diskus wet.
- Store in a cool, dry place.
- The counter on the side shows how many doses are left:
  - 1 month = 60 doses; 14 days = 28 doses; 7 days = 14 doses

Dry powder inhalers are controller medicines. They are not to be used for quick relief.

