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I DEVICE DEI FARMACI RESPIRATORI: QUALE RUOLO NELLA SCELTA TERAPEUTICA?

La rilevanza del device nella scelta della strategia terapeutica e criteri di scelta del device in relazione al paziente



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Inhaler Devices & Drugs >250 = confusion!

<u>Devices</u>

- pMDI
- Spacers
- DPI
- Nebulisers

Inhaled Drugs

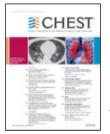
- SABA
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- ICS/LABA
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Too many devices!





"That's a puffer. If you want to blow a house down, you'll also need a huffer."

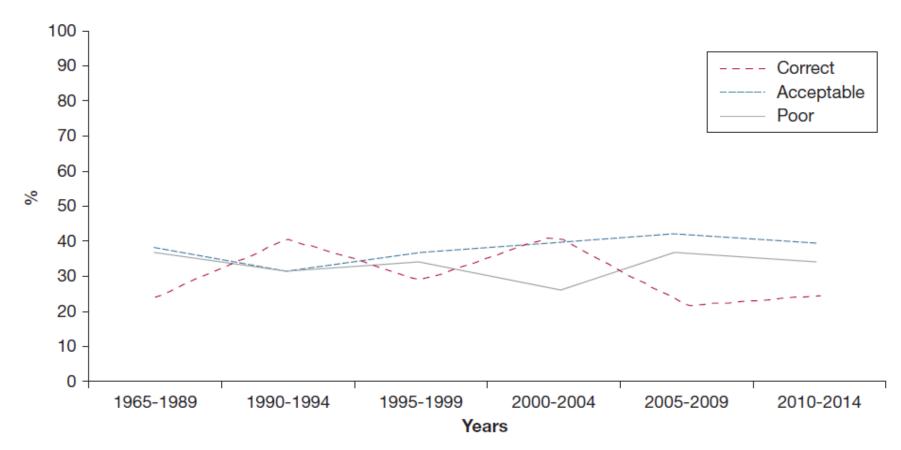


Systematic Review of Errors in Inhaler Use Has Patient Technique Improved Over Time?

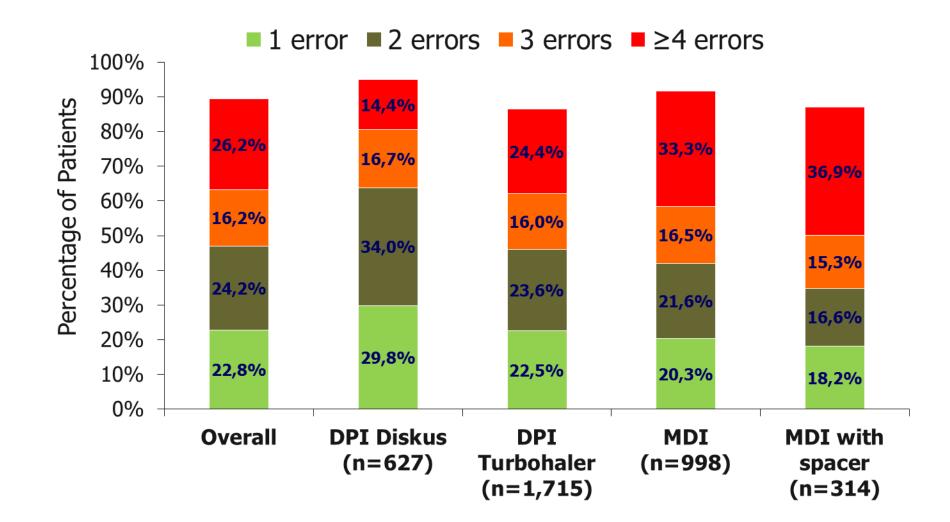
Joaquin Sanchis, MD, PhD; Ignasi Gich, MD, PhD; and Soren Pedersen, MD, PhD, Dr Med Sci;

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Inhalers use by patients over the past 40 years







n=3.654 asthma patients

Price D, Roche N, Lavorini F et al IPCRG meeting 2014

Inhaler Errors in the CRITIKAL Study: Type, Frequency, and Association with Asthma Outcomes

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In Practice

Association between pMDI errors and uncontrolled asthma

Inhaler errors in MDI - Seretide™	Ref: no error		Adjusted O	R (95% CI)	n (%)	
Lack of device knowledge, or; incorrect second dose preparation, timing or inhalation		⊡	1.35 (1.01 1.48 (1.10		257 (34.7)	
Did not have head tilted such that chin is slightly upwards			1.38 (1.02 1.31 (0.96		259 (34.1)	
Did not breathe out to empty lungs before inhalation	-		1.53 (1.08 1.41 (0.99		193 (25.4)	
Actuation did not correspond with inhalation, actuation before inhalation	-		1.43 (1.04 1.55 (1.11		189 (24.9)	
Exhaled into the inhaler or did not hold inhaler upright		□	1.63 (1.07 1.58 (1.01	-	109 (14.3)	
Asthma symptom control improved 🗲 -	·	► Asthma symptom contr	ol reduced	Adjusted f	or all errors in figure	
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In Practice

Association between DPI errors and uncontrolled asthma

Inhaler errors	Inhaler device	Ref: no error	Adjusted OR (95% CI)	n (%)
Insufficient inspiratory effort	Turbohaler - Symbicort**		1.30 (1.09-1.54) 1.30 (1.08-1.57)	666 (32.1)
	Diskus - Seretide™		1.62 (1.23-2.14) 1.56 (1.17-2.07)	317 (38.4)
Did not breathe out to empty lungs before inhalation	Turbohaler - Symbicort™		1.20 (1.00-1.45) 1.07 (0.88-1.30)	544 (26.2)
	Diskus - Seretide™		1.27 (0.95-1.70) 1.34 (0.99-1.80)	268 (32.4)
Dose compromised after preparation due to shaking or tipping	Turbohaler - Symbicort™	 	2.00 (1.27-3.16) 2.07 (1.26-3.40)	71 (3.4)
Did not put device in mouth and seal lips around mouth piece	Turbohaler - Symbicort™		1.94 (1.13-13.85) 1.73 (0.99-14.62)	44 (2.1)
Did not remove cap	Turbohaler - Symbicort™		3.92 (1.20-12.90) 3.98 (1.16-13.70)	9 (0.4)
Asthma syn	nptom control improved 🗲 -	Asthma symptom control reduced	d Adjusted for all errors in	figure
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Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation and inhaler device handling: real-life assessment of 2935 patients

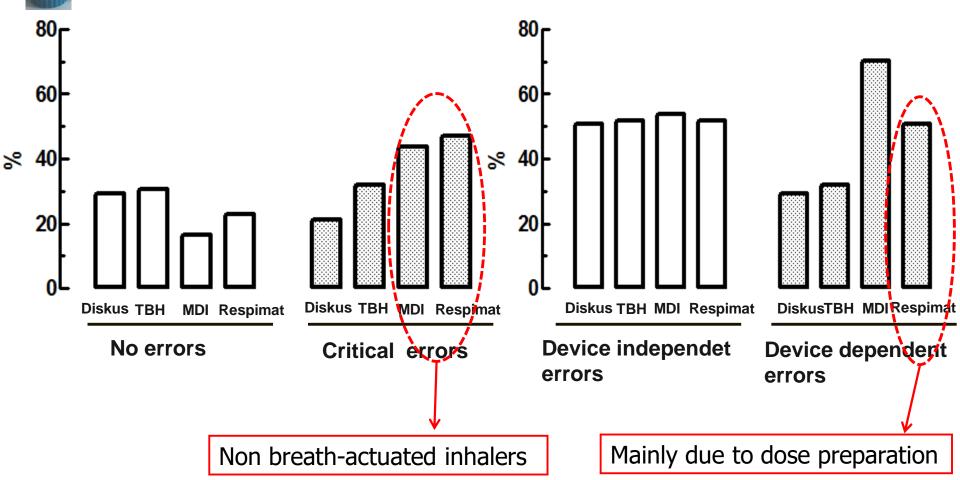
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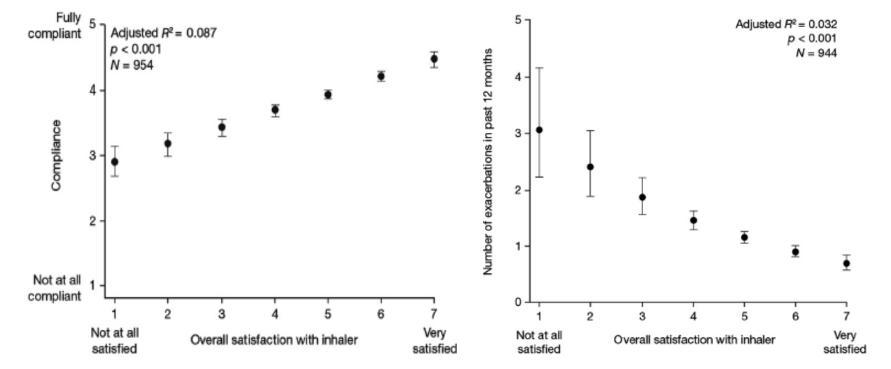
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Impact of patients' satisfaction with their inhalers on treatment compliance and health status in COPD Respiratory Medicine (2014) 108, 358–365

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Patients satisfaction with their inhaler is an important factor driving treatment compliance in COPD



Problems with All Inhaler Types

pMDIs:

High oropharyngeal deposition, slow inhalation, coordination with inhalation.

DPIs:

Different device preparation, fast inhalation from the beginning, storage.

Nebulisers:

- Bulky, noisy, poor lung deposition, expensive.

So, which inhaler is right for your patient?



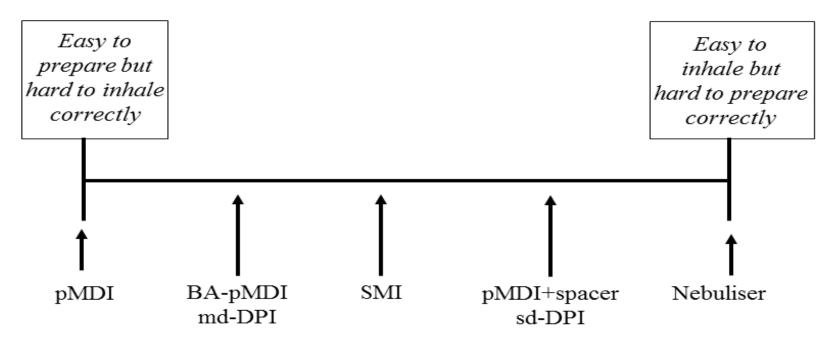


Inhaler's features;

Patient's characteristics.

2016 Optimising Inhaled Pharmacotherapy for Elderly Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: The Importance of Delivery Devices

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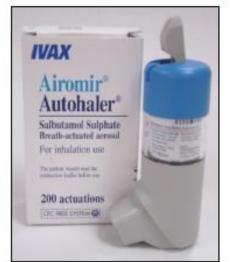
Correct drug delivery from inhalers is dependant on the patient: a) Preparing the device correctly; b) Inhaling correctly.



Advantage of pMDIs: familiarity







DPIs on the other hand.....





What the pulmonary specialist should know about the new inhalation therapies B.L. Laube, H.M. Janssens, F.H.C. de Jongh, S.G. Devadason, R. Dhand, P. Diot,

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ERS/ISAM TASK FORCE REPORT Eur Respir J 2011; 37: 1308–1331





Crucial differences between device types

MDI

Shaking (+/-)

- Actuation
- Coordinated with inspiration, except
 - BAI
 - MDI + Spacer
- Slow inhalation

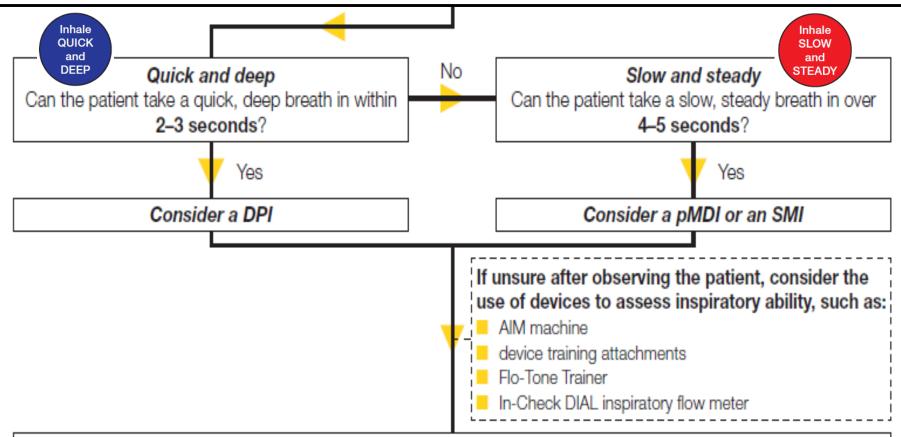
- Device preparation
- No actuation, i.e. no need to coordinate

DPI

- No manipulation during inhalation
- Fast inhalation from the beginning

Inhaler choice: the UK perspective (i)

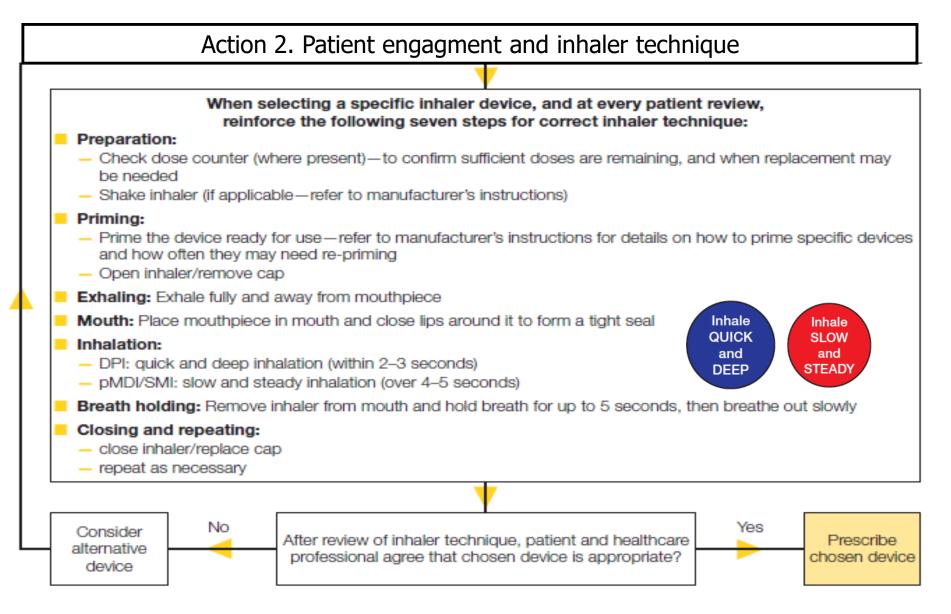
Action 1. Assess patient's inspiratory ability observe the patient inhaling (using their own inhaler if possible)



Select required drug formulation once inhaler device type has been chosen, in line with local formulary

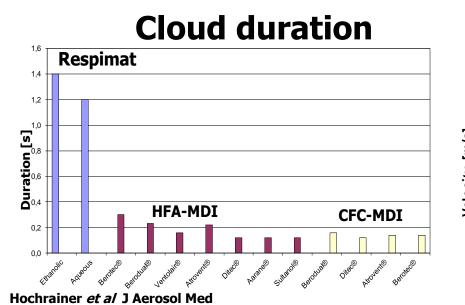
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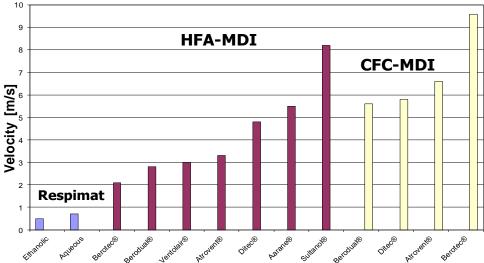


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Respimat: aerosol cloud characteristics



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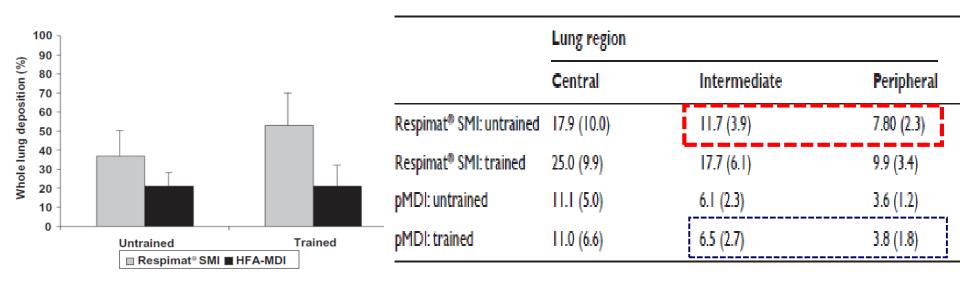


Cloud velocity

 Formo (s)
 0.2
 0.4
 0.6
 0.8
 1.0
 1.2

Respimat may reduce the need of hand-breath coordination !

Higher lung deposition with Respinat[®] Soft MistTM Inhaler than HFA-MDI in COPD patients with poor technique ^{Peter Brand¹} Helen Dewberry³ Thomas Meyer⁴ 2008:3(4) 763–770



Drug delivery to the lungs with Respimat is more efficient than with HFA-pMDI..

Dry Powder Inhalers

- Practical advantages similar to pMDIs; no propellants
- Contain micronised drug attached to larger carrier particles;
- Actuated and driven by patient's inspiration; no handbreath coordination required

Pre-metered Single Dose Unit

Pre-metered Multiple Dose Unit

Drug reservoir





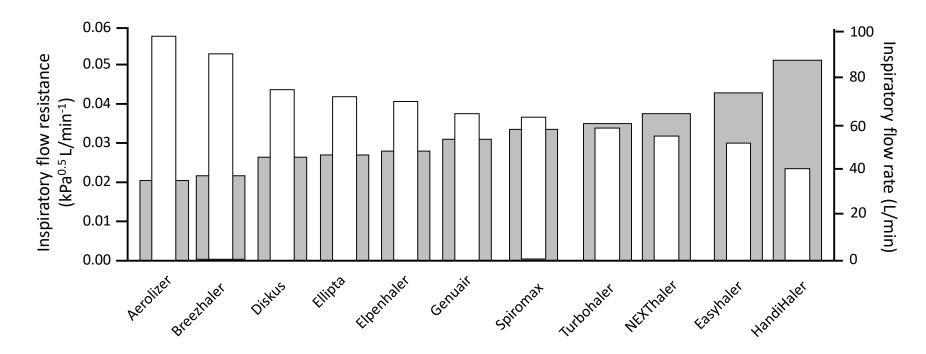


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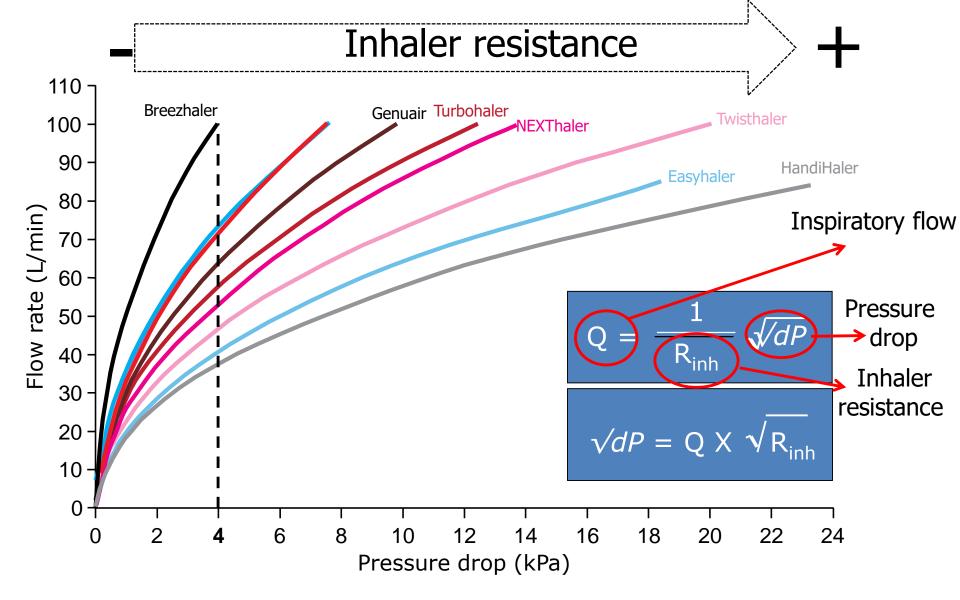


Optimising Inhaled Pharmacotherapy for Elderly Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: The Importance of Delivery Devices

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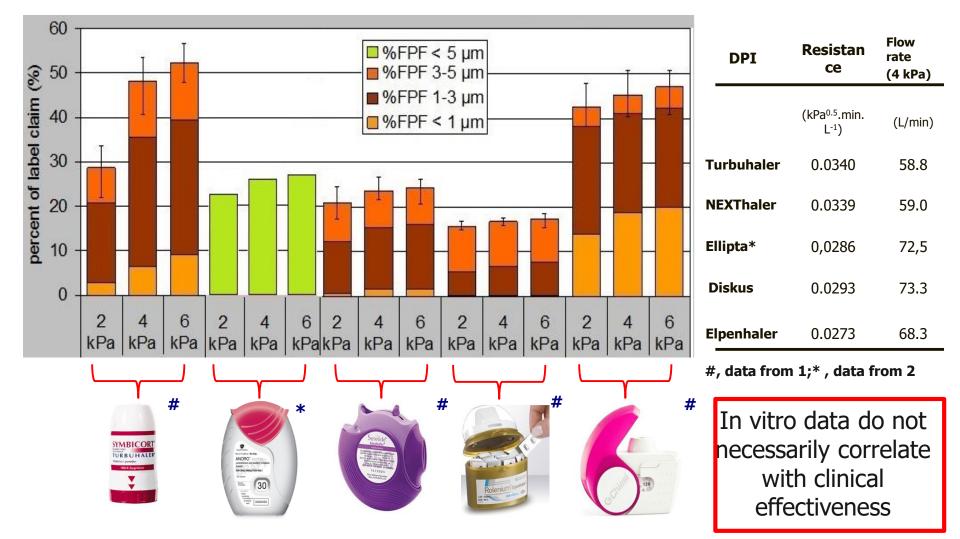


Inhaler resistance and the corresponding flow to achieve 4 kPa pressure drop



"...with a low resistance inhaler you need a higher inhalation flow than with a high resistance inhaler."

Mean delivered ICS fine particle fraction (FPF) as function of kPa *(in vitro)*



Similar results for β_2 -agonist

Adapted from: 1 De Boer et al. *Eur J Pharm Biopharm* 2015; 2 Grant A et al *JAMPDD* 2015.

REVIEW

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Recent advances in capsule-based dry powder inhaler technology

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Lavorini et al. Multidisciplinary Respiratory Medicine (2017) 12:11 DOI 10.1186/s40248-017-0092-5

- The single-unit, capsule-based DPI requires the patient to load a single hard gelatine capsule containing the powder formulation into the device before each use
- ➤Capsule piercing by needles is essential to release the powder from the capsules.
- The capsule motion under inhalation airflow essentially governs the powder emission, whereas the airflow around the capsule in the turbulence inhaler chamber reinforced the disaggregation and dispersion of the powder.







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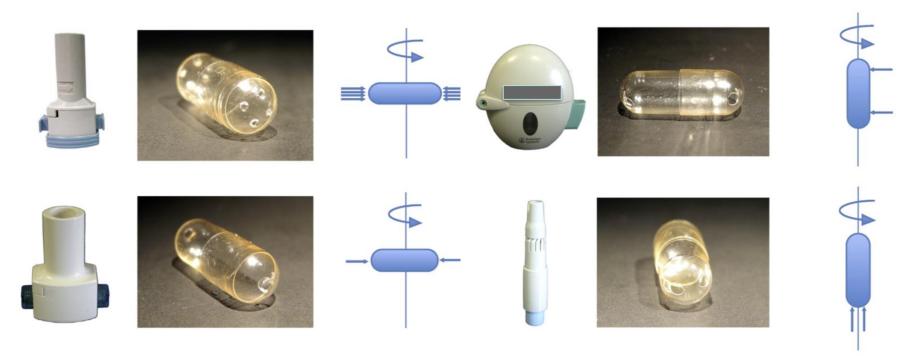
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"Pierce and inhale" design in capsule based dry powder inhalers: Effect of capsule piercing and motion on aerodynamic performance of drugs



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The spinning motion of capsule is the most powerful mechanism for improving the overall aerodynamic performance.

Courtesy by F. Buttini

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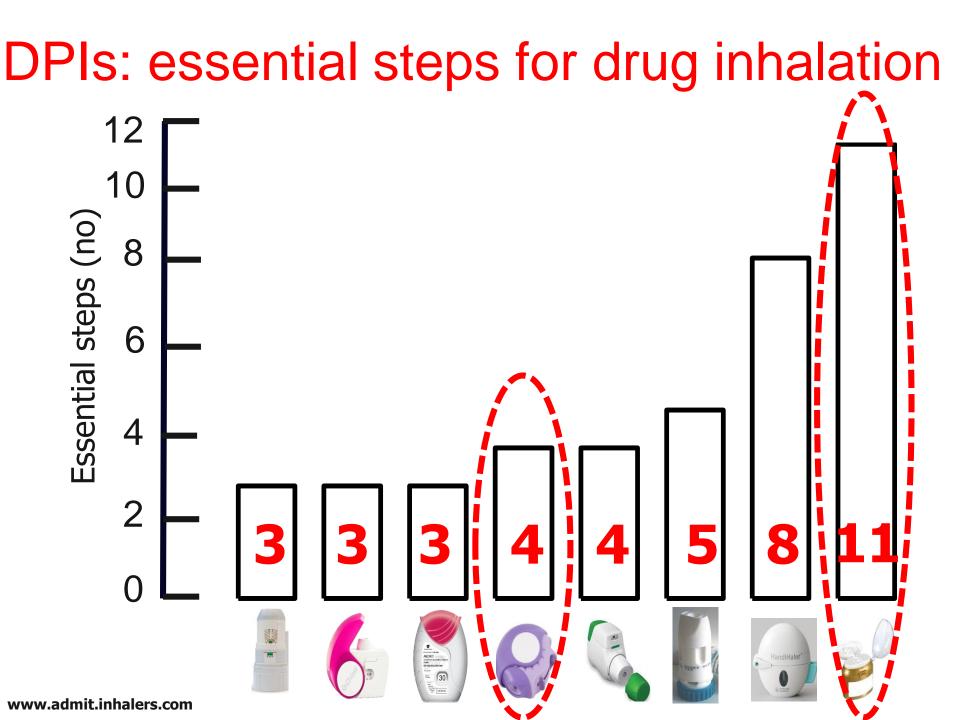
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Table 3

Ranking of the different combinations between the inhalers on the base of the respirable fraction (RF), *i.e.*, the ratio between the fine particle dose (FPD $<5\,\mu$ m) and the labeled dose.

Aerosolizing Device	Piercing Device	RF (%)
RS01	RS01	34.6 ± 0.1
RS01	HandiHaler	34.6 ± 1.1
RS01	Turbospin	31.5 ± 0.3
Aerolizer	Aerolizer	30.9 ± 0.4
Turbospin	Turbospin	$\textbf{28.0}\pm\textbf{0.1}$
HandiHaler	Turbospin	26.6 ± 1.5
Turbospin	HandiHaler	$\textbf{26.4} \pm \textbf{0.6}$
HandiHaler	HandiHaler	$\textbf{26.1}\pm\textbf{1.8}$
Turbospin	RS01	$\textbf{22.2} \pm \textbf{0.2}$
HandiHaler	RS01	19.8 ± 0.2





Diskus = 4 steps

- 1. Open the inhaler
- 2. Push lever back completely
- 3. Inhale
- 4. Close the inhaler

A randomised cross-over trial investigating the ease of use and preference of two dry powder inhalers in patients with asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary

disease Expert Opin. Drug Deliv. [Early Online]

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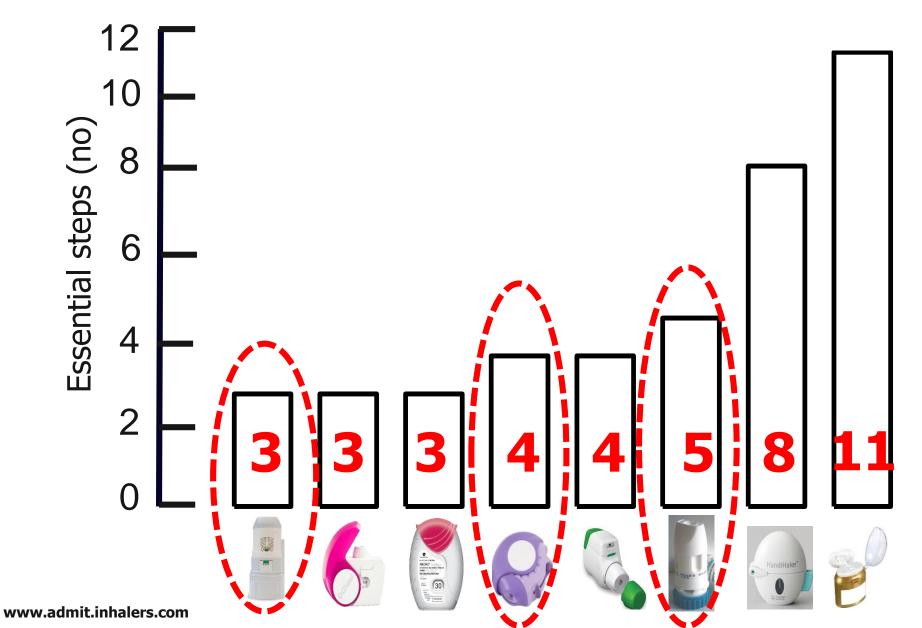
Elpenhaler = 11 steps

- 1. Open the storage compartment
- 2. Take blister strip
- 3. Close the storage compartment
- 4. Open protective cap
- 5. Push back mouthpiece to reveal supporting surface
- 6. Place blister strip correctly on supporting surface
- 7. Close mouthpiece correctly
- 8. Gently pull the protruding end of the strip
- 9. Inhale
- 10.Remove the strip
- 11.Close the inhaler

Objectives: to compare critical errors with the Diskus (<u>4-steps</u> DPI) and with the Elpenhaler (<u>11-steps</u> DPI).

Results: 17% of patients made at least 1 critical error with the Diskus ; 40% with Elpenhaler (P<0.01).

DPIs: essential steps for drug inhalation



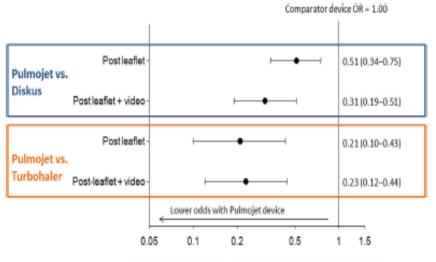
Comparison of serious inhaler technique errors made by device-naïve patients using three different dry powder inhalers: a randomised, crossover, open-label study



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Odds ratio (≥1 serious errors) with Pulmojet vs Diskus or vs Turbohaler



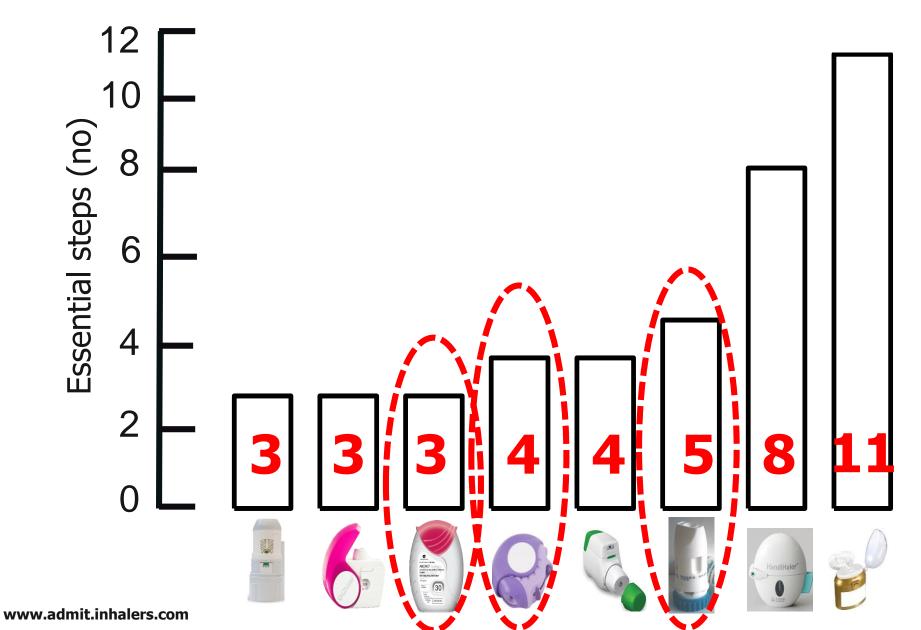
Odds ratio (95% CI) for serious errors with Pulmoiet* vs. comparator device

Number of patients making 0, 1, ≥2 serious errors

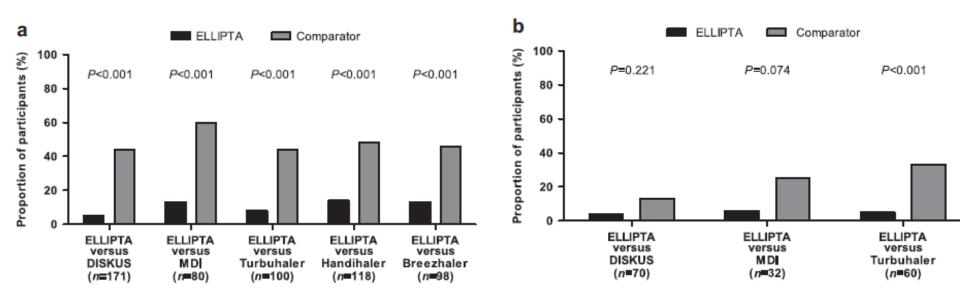
	First randomised device						
			Pulmojet vs.	Pulmojet vs. Turbohaler			
			Pulmojet	Turbohaler			
	(n = 277)	(n = 277)	(n = 144)	(n = 144)			
Post-patient infom	Post-patient information leaflet alone						
0 errors, n (%)	110 (39.7)	74 (26.7)	59 (41.0)	25 (17.4)			
1 error, n (%)	82 (29.6)	76 (27.4)	40 (27.8)	24 (16.7)			
≥2 errors, n (%)	85 (30.7)	127 (45.8)	45 (31.3)	95 (66.0)			
Post-patient information leaflet and instructional video							
0 errors, n (%)	215 (77.6)	170 (61.4)	106 (73.6)	69 (47.9)			
1 error, n (%)	43 (15.5)	64 (23.1)	26 (18.1)	36 (25.0)			
≥2 errors, n (%)	19 (6.9)	43 (15.5)	12 (8.3)	39 (27.1)			

The less the operation steps, the less the probability of serious errors in the DPI use.

DPIs: essential steps for drug inhalation



A randomised open-label cross-over study of inhaler errors, preference and time to achieve correct inhaler use in patients with COPD or asthma: comparison of ELLIPTA with other inhaler devices npj Primary Care Respiratory Medicine 2016 Job van der Palen^{1,2}, Mike Thomas^{3,4}, Henry Chrystyn⁵, Raj K Sharma⁶, Paul DLPM van der Valk¹, Martijn Goosens⁷, Tom Wilkinson⁸, Carol Stonham⁹, Anoop J Chauhan¹⁰, Varsha Imber¹¹, Chang-Qing Zhu¹², Henrik Svedsater¹³ and Neil C Barnes⁶



COPD patients (n=567)

Asthma patients (n=162)

The less the operation steps, the less the critical errors in inhaler use

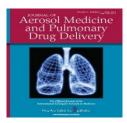
Teaching and learning data obtained in asthma ad COPD patients

Inhaler	Inhaler Steps Time (sec.) for nurse's		Successful inhaler	Attempts before
	(no)	teaching and patient's	technique at 1 st	achieving proper
		learning	attempt	actuation
		mean ± SD	(%)	mean ± SD
Breezhaler	7	615 ±301	18	2.6 ± 1.1
Turbuhaler	6	350 ± 85	9.5	2.5 ± 1.0
Respimat	4	150 ± 95	62.4	1.6 ± 0.8
Diskus	4	155 ± 35	45.5	1.5 ± 1.0
Genuair	3	170 ± 40	55.7	1.6 ± 1.0

Inhaler's features

Patient's characteristics

Determinants of inhaler use



		OR	95% CI
Age (years)	<60	1.00	
	≥ 60	1.40	0.67 - 2.94
Educational level ^a	low	2.01	0.67 - 4.61
	middle	1.84	0.73 - 4.61
	high	1.00	
FEV_1/VC^b	< 0.6	1.15	0.55 - 2.41
·	≥ 0.6	1.00	
Received inhalation	yes	1.00	
instruction ^c	no	2.22	1.02 - 4.80
Device	single	1.00	
	multiple	2.23	1.07 - 5.02

Rootmensen, JAMPDD 2010

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Drugs Aging

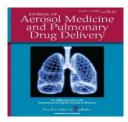
Drugs & Agi

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Potential issues that may prevent elderly COPD patients from using inhaler devices properly

Factors	Mechanism
Cognitive function	Cognitive function determines the ability to acquire and retain techniques needed for competent use of inhalers. Cognitive impairment is often related to worsening of hypoxia and/or hypercapnia, as well as to co-morbidities such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, cerebrovascular diseases
Tremors	Intention tremors or tremors due to overuse of β-adrenergic agonists or Parkinson's disease can make proper inhaler loading or twisting the inhaler difficult or even impossible
Hand-eye coordination	Some older patients may have difficulties in locating their mouth for delivering the spray from a pMDI
Dexterity and hand strength	Inhaler manipulation requires manual dexterity and strength, which may be affected by osteoarthritis, joint pain and neurological conditions such as Parkinson's disease. Impairment in manual dexterity may affect preparation of capsule-based DPIs, which require loading, puncturing and inserting the capsule into a small holding chamber. Inadequate hand strength may lead to an inability to press the pMDI canister for releasing the dose
Vision	Visual deficits may affect the patient's ability to see the dose counter, leading some patients to believe the device still holds medications when it is empty. Visual deficits may affect proper loading of the inhaler, particularly for capsule-based DPIs
Hearing	Poor hearing may prevent patients from hearing the 'click' indicating readiness to inhale some DPIs or the discharge from a pMDI into a spacer
Chest wall and respiratory muscle strength	Stiffening of the thoracic cage from calcification of the rib cage and age-related kyphosis from osteoporosis may reduce the ability of the thoracic cage to expand during inspiration and places the diaphragm at a mechanical disadvantage to generate effective contraction. Respiratory muscle strength decreases with age due to muscle atrophy and age-related decrease in fast twitch fibres. All these age-related structural changes may reduce the patient's ability to generate the minimum flow and volume needed to correctly operate some inhaler devices

Determinants of inhaler use



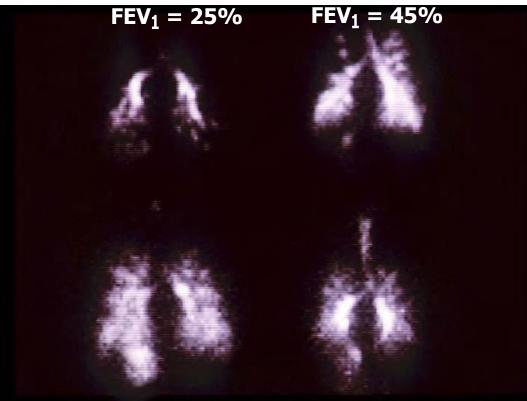
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Device	single	1.00	
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Rootmensen, JAMPDD 2010

Lung deposition is altered with increasing severity of airway obstruction

Healthy subject Patients with various degrees of airway obstruction





FEV₁ = 50%

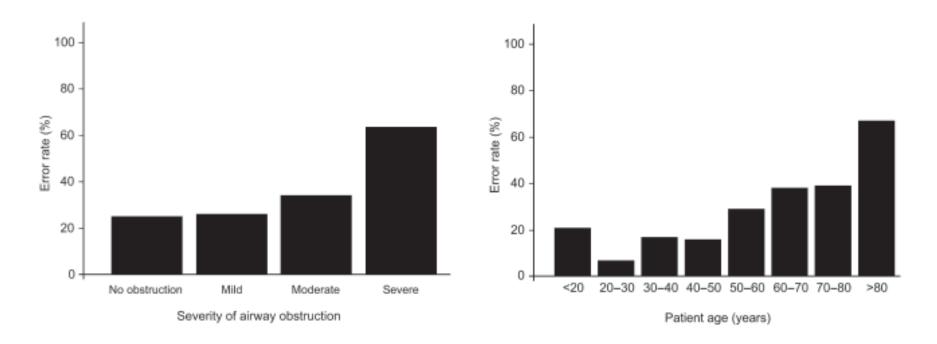
 $FEV_1 = 60\%$

Laube BL et al Respiratory Care 2005

Dry Powder Inhalers: Which Factors Determine the Frequency of Handling Errors? Siegfried Wieshammer^a Jens Dreyhaupt^b

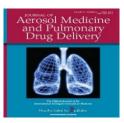


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Inhaler error rate increases with the degree of airway obstruction and with patient's age

Determinants of inhaler use



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Age (years)	<60	1.00	
	≥ 60	1.40	0.67 - 2.94
Educational level ^a	low	2.01	0.67 - 4.61
	middle	1.84	0.73 - 4.61
	high	1.00	
FEV_1/VC^b	< 0.6	1.15	0.55 - 2.41
	≥ 0.6	1.00	
Received inhalation	yes	1.00	
instruction ^c	no	2.22	1.02 - 4.80
Device	single	1.00	
	multiple	2.23	1.07 - 5.02

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Effectiveness of Same Versus Mixed Asthma Inhaler Devices: A Retrospective Observational Study in Primary Care

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Mixed devices = 1.00

Greater asthma control and fewer exacerbations with patients using only one device type

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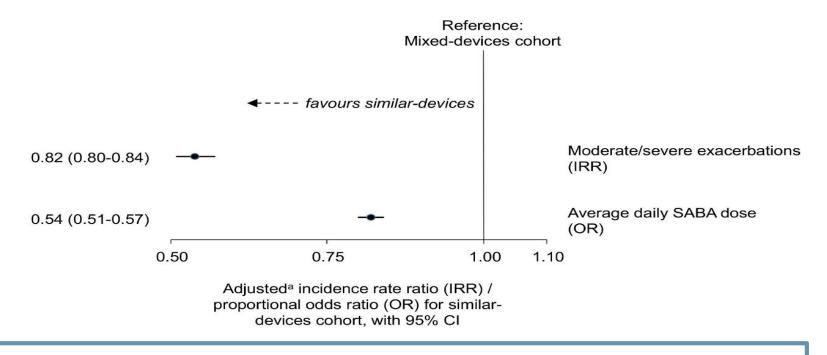
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Adjusted odds or rate ratio (95% CI)

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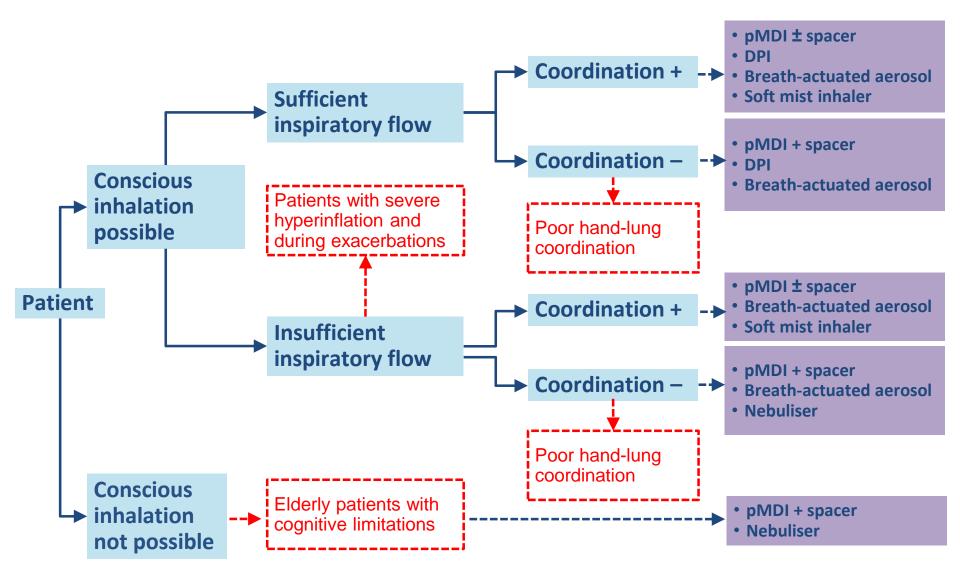
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Suggested hierarchy for best match

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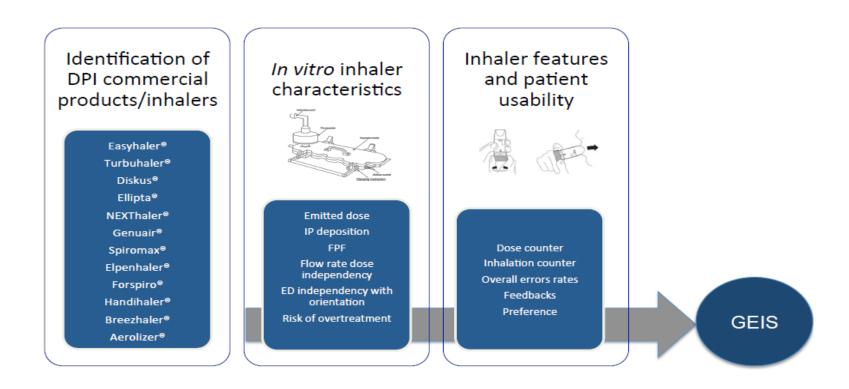




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The Choice of Inhaler Device: Summary

- Several delivery systems are currently available but many more are in clinical development.
- The choice of inhaler device should be based on an evidence-based awareness rather than on empirical basis.
- Inhalers' features as well as patients' characteristics should be considered in the choice of inhaler devices and development of future delivery systems.

Thanks for your kind attention !



Questions?