

Firestone Institute for Respiratory Health



Inhaled Bronchodilator ~ Long Acting Beta 2-Agonist Medication ~

Other names for this medication:

- Onbrez® indacterol
- Oxeze® formoterol (This is also a rapid-acting bronchodilator)
- Serevent[®] salmeterol
- Striverdi[®] olodateral

How does this medication work?

This medication helps the muscles around the bronchial tubes in the lungs to relax. This widens or bronchodilates the tubes and improves breathing. This medication also makes the muscle less likely to contract and narrow the tubes in response to exercise, cold air and irritants such as dust and cigarette smoke.

How fast and long does this medication work?

- Onbrez: Works within minutes. The effects last 24 hours.
- Oxeze: Works within minutes. The effects last 12 hours or more.
- Serevent: Works within 10 to 20 minutes. The effects last 12 hours or more.
- Striverdi: Works within 5 minutes. The effects last 24 hours.

How much medication do I take and how often?

Take this regularly as directed by your doctor.

Oxeze is also a rapid-acting bronchodilator and can be taken when needed to relieve symptoms fast. Follow your doctor's instructions.

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While taking this medication you may notice:

- fast heart beat
- headache
- heart palpitations
- problems sleeping

Consult your doctor if:

- this medication does not relieve symptoms within 30 minutes
- the effect of this medication does not last for at least 4 hours
- you need to use this medication more often than usual

If any of these occur, you may need other treatment.