

**Beclomethasone pressured metered dose inhalers:** to avoid shortages please follow [BTS increased demand guidance on this link](#)

- **DO NOT STOCKPILE**
- **DO NOT OVERPRESCRIBE**
- Where applicable, point out dose counters on inhalers or tell patient to make note in diary/phone of date when inhaler first opened.
- All these contain 200 doses per inhaler      ONE puff twice a day = 100 days supply      TWO puffs twice a day = 50 days supply



To address the current increased demand of Clenil Modulite 100mcg, additional batches are to be released into the UK supply chain from 11/05/2020. **These will vary in appearance.** See more info on <https://www.chiesi.uk.com/supply-of-chiesi-products> and overleaf. Soprobec inhaler is directly equivalent to Clenil.

**Qvar<sup>®</sup>** and **Kelhale<sup>®</sup>** have extra-fine **particles**, and are more potent than traditional beclomethasone dipropionate CFC-containing inhalers. They are also approximately twice as potent as **Clenil Modulite<sup>®</sup>** or **Soprobec<sup>®</sup>**. **Avoid switching between the two groups if possible.** Nevertheless, if you do switch, always remember to **adjust the dose and make sure your patient understands the difference!**



## **Information from Chiesi about Clenil:**

Due to an increased demand, additional batches of Clenil® Modulite® (beclomethasone) 100mcg are to be released into the UK supply chain following authorisation by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). These batches are likely to come into circulation from 11th May 2020 and full details of concerned batch numbers can be found at the following website link: <https://www.chiesi.uk.com/supply-of-chiesi-products>

## **Summary of key information related to batch variation:**

- These inhalers contain the same medication as before, beclomethasone, and therefore require no change to either the way prescriptions are written, or the way patients manage their asthma.
- Medicine is provided in the same inhaler device (pressurised metered dose inhaler; pMDI)
- The only differences in the batch variation are related to the appearance:
  - The colours of the plastic actuator and protective cap are beige and yellow respectively (instead of brown and beige respectively; see images below);
  - The beige actuator is not embossed;
  - There is no dose indicator, however patients who received Clenil 100mcg prior to September 2019 (when this feature was added to the inhaler) may not notice that a dose indicator is not included.
  - The differences have no effect on the safety profile (adverse effects) of the medicine, however, patients should have increased vigilance for when they may need a new inhaler and should confirm the dosage on the labelling of the outer package and canister.



Clenil 100mcg inhaler  
subject to the batch-specific variation



Clenil 100mcg inhaler from a regular batch

## **If dispensing this product, healthcare professionals should:**

- Check carefully the dosage of the Clenil 100mcg inhaler written on the labelling on the packaging, prior to dispensing as the Clenil 100mcg; this medicine is a very similar colour to Clenil 50mcg. Patients/caregivers should also be advised to check the dosage on the labelling on the package and the canister.
- As usual, recommend that patients keep track of when they start to use their inhaler – each Clenil 100mcg inhaler (irrespective of batch) contains 200 doses of medication so if a patient is taking two puffs of their inhaler twice a day, this means the inhaler will last for over a month.
- Clarify to patients and caregivers that, as with all strengths of Clenil, the inhaler can be used with a Volumatic® Spacer Device (licensed). It is also compatible with the Aerochamber® spacer devices (frequently used but not licensed).
- Remind your patients to clean their inhaler once a week as usual, referring to the package leaflet for cleaning instructions.