

# Quick reference prescribing guide to prevent inhaler duplication errors

Name of Drug Class	SABA	SAMA	LAMA	LABA	ICS
	Short-acting beta <sub>2</sub> agonist	Short-acting muscarinic antagonists	Long-acting muscarinic antagonists	Long-acting beta <sub>2</sub> agonist	Inhaled corticosteroids
<b>Generic drugs names included</b>  The ending helps identify the class	Salbutamol Terbutaline	Ipratropium (Atrovent)	Tiotropium Aclidinium Glycopyrronium Umeclidinium	Formoterol Salmeterol Olodaterol Indacaterol Vilanterol	Beclometasone Fluticasone Mometasone Budesonide Ciclesonide
<b>Rules to observe when prescribing multiple inhalers</b>	Can be prescribed with any other inhaler	Should not be prescribed with another muscarinic antagonist e.g. SAMA or LAMA	Should not be prescribed with another muscarinic antagonist e.g. SAMA or LAMA	Should not be prescribed with another long-acting beta <sub>2</sub> agonist (LABA)	Two ICS's can be used together under secondary care supervision, often Ciclesonide.
<b>Examples of combination devices available</b>  Where errors are most likely to occur				LAMA / LABA Combinations e.g. Duaklir®, Ultibro®, Spiolto Respimat® etc.	LABA / ICS Combinations e.g. Fostair®, Symbicort®, Seretide®, Combisal® etc.  LAMA / LABA / ICS Combinations e.g. Trelegy Ellipta®, Trimbow®, Trixeo® etc.