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Generic name: [umeclidinium and vilanterol](#) [*ue-ME-kli-DIN-ee-um-and-vye-LAN-ter-ol*]

Drug class: [Bronchodilator combinations](#)

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What is Anoro Ellipta?

Anoro Ellipta is an inhalation powder containing a combination of [umeclidinium](#) and [vilanterol](#). Umeclidinium and vilanterol both work by relaxing muscles in the airways to improve breathing.

Anoro Ellipta is used to prevent airflow obstruction and reduce flare-ups in adults with [COPD \(chronic obstructive pulmonary disease\)](#), including bronchitis and [emphysema](#).

Anoro Ellipta is for use only in people with COPD and should not be used to treat [asthma](#).

Warnings

Anoro Ellipta is for use only in people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and should not be used to treat asthma.

Anoro Ellipta is not a rescue medicine. It will not work fast enough to treat an bronchospasm attack. Tell your doctor if any of your medicines seem to stop working as well in controlling your COPD.

Vilanterol may increase the risk of death in people with asthma, but the risk in people with COPD is not known. Seek medical attention if your breathing problems do not improve, or if your symptoms get worse quickly.

Anoro Ellipta will not work fast enough to treat a bronchospasm attack. Use only a fast acting inhalation medicine for an attack.

Seek medical attention if your breathing problems do not improve, or if your symptoms get worse quickly.

Before taking this medicine

You should not use Anoro Ellipta if you are allergic to umeclidinium or vilanterol, or if you have a severe allergy to milk proteins.

To make sure Anoro Ellipta is safe for you, tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- heart disease, [high blood pressure](#);
- a seizure;
- liver disease;
- [glaucoma](#);
- diabetes;
- a thyroid disorder; or
- an [enlarged prostate](#) or urination problems.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

Anoro Ellipta is not approved for use by anyone younger than 18 years old.

 [Anoro Ellipta pregnancy and breastfeeding warnings](#) (more detail)

How should I use Anoro Ellipta?

Use Anoro exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides.

Anoro Ellipta is not a rescue medicine for bronchospasm attacks. Use only fast-acting inhalation medicine for an attack. Seek medical attention if your breathing problems get worse quickly, or if you think your medications are not working as well.

Read and carefully follow any Instructions for Use provided with your medicine. Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you do not understand these instructions.

The usual dose of this medicine is 1 inhalation per day. Use the medicine at the same time each day, and not more than once in a 24-hour period.

Anoro is a powder that comes with a special Ellipta inhaler device preloaded with blister packs containing measured doses of the medicine. The Ellipta device opens and loads a blister of Anoro each time you use the inhaler. Follow the patient instructions provided with the inhaler device.

Store at room temperature away from moisture, heat, and light. Keep the inhaler device in the sealed foil tray until ready to start using it.

Throw the inhaler away 6 weeks after opening, or when the dose indicator shows a zero (whichever comes first).

 [Anoro Ellipta patient tips](#) (more detail)

Dosing information

Anoro Ellipta is given as 1 inhalation once daily at the same time every day. It should not be used more than once in 24 hours.

 [Detailed Anoro Ellipta dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Use the medicine as soon as you can, but skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose. Do not use two doses at one time. Do not use more than once in a 24-hour period.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

Overdose symptoms may include include [headache](#), chest pain, [fast heart rate](#), tremor, and feeling shaky or nervous.

What should I avoid while using Anoro Ellipta?

Do not use a second inhaled bronchodilator that contains [formoterol](#), arformoterol, indacaterol, olodaterol, [salmeterol](#), or vilanterol.

Anoro Ellipta side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction to Anoro Ellipta**: [hives](#); difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Call your doctor at once if you have:

- wheezing, choking, or other breathing problems after using this medicine;
- painful or difficult urination, or urinating more often;
- blurred vision, tunnel vision, eye pain or redness, or seeing halos around lights;
- **high blood sugar** - increased thirst or urination, hunger, dry mouth, fruity breath odor; or
- **low potassium level** - leg cramps, [constipation](#), irregular heartbeats, fluttering in your chest, numbness or tingling, muscle weakness or limp feeling.

Common Anoro Ellipta side effects may include:

- stuffy nose, sinus pain, [sore throat](#);
- chest pain, cough;
- [diarrhea](#), constipation;
- muscle spasms; or
- pain in your neck, arms, or legs.

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

 [Anoro Ellipta side effects](#) (more detail)

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What other drugs will affect Anoro Ellipta?

Tell your doctor about all your other medicines, especially:

- [atropine](#);
- antifungal, or antiviral medicine;
- [monoamine oxidase inhibitors](#), [tricyclic antidepressants](#), drugs that prolong QT interval;
- beta-blockers;
- medicine to treat [depression](#), [anxiety](#), mood disorders, or mental illness;
- cold or allergy medicine (Benadryl and others);
- medicine to treat [Parkinson's disease](#);
- medicine to treat stomach problems, [motion sickness](#), or [irritable bowel syndrome](#);
- medicine to treat [overactive bladder](#); or
- another bronchodilator medication.

This list is not complete. Other drugs may interact with umeclidinium and vilanterol, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Not all possible interactions are listed in this medication guide.

 [Anoro Ellipta drug interactions](#) (more detail)

Does Anoro Ellipta interact with my other drugs?

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Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use Anoro Ellipta only for the indication prescribed.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

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DRUG STATUS

Availability

Rx Prescription only

Pregnancy & Lactation

 Risk data available

CSA Schedule*

N/A Not a controlled drug

Approval History

10+ years FDA approved 2013

WADA Class

 Anti-Doping Classification



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