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TO:	Chief Executives, Local Health Districts/ Specialty Health Networks	
CC:	Directors of Clinical Governance, Local Health Districts/Specialty Health Networks	
FROM:	Ms Carrie Marr, Chief Executive	
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SUBJECT:	Salbutamol metered dose inhalers – Alternative adaptors available	

Further to the communication circulated on 28 April 2021 regarding the change in presentation of salbutamol metered dose inhalers (MDIs) (Asmol®, Ventolin®) impacting its off-label use via the endotracheal tube, for bronchospasm during anaesthesia, two further adaptors have been identified for facilities to consider using.

Both of these adaptors do activate the dose counter. Their details are below –

Product	Supplier	Contact
Southmedic MDI adaptors (4 different sizes available)	Precise Medical Supplies	Tim Rahr – tim@precisemedical.com.au
Spirale Drug Delivery System	Meditech Systems	John Paxman – john.paxman@meditechsystems.com.au

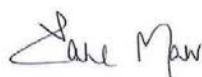
The previously recommended Intersurgical Australia adaptors that are compatible with the new presentation of salbutamol MDIs may still be used however they do not activate the dose counter which appears on the new presentation.

HealthShare NSW still have stock of the old metered dose inhalers without the counter available. These should be ordered and utilised until the supply runs out (estimated four months).

We ask that you distribute this information to Anaesthetics departments, Intensive Care Units, Directors of Medical Services, Directors of Pharmacy, Drugs and Therapeutics Committees, and other relevant staff and committees.

Should you have any enquiries, please contact Nina Muscillo, Senior Manager Medication Safety on 9269 5585 or email CEC-MedicationSafety@health.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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