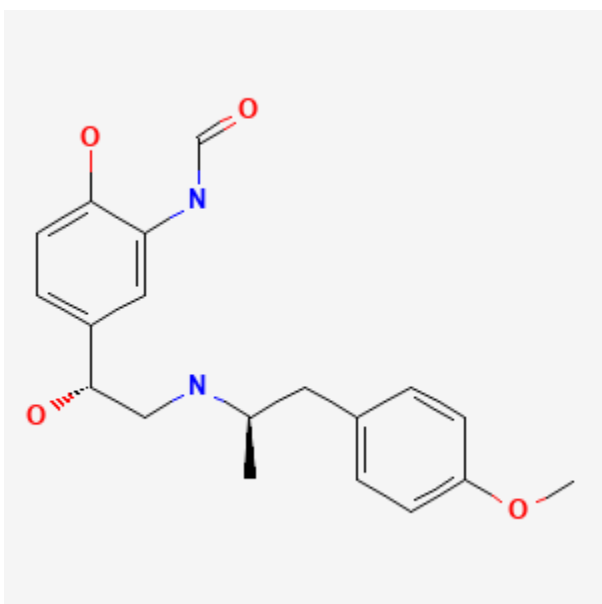




Formoterol

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Drug Levels and Effects

Summary of Use during Lactation

Although no published data exist on the use of formoterol by inhaler during lactation, data from the related drug, terbutaline, indicate that very little is expected to be excreted into breastmilk.[1-3] The authors of several reviews and an expert panel agree that use of inhaled bronchodilators is acceptable during breastfeeding because of the low bioavailability and maternal serum levels after use.[4-7]

Drug Levels

Maternal Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Infant Levels. Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

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Effects in Breastfed Infants

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Effects on Lactation and Breastmilk

Relevant published information was not found as of the revision date.

Alternate Drugs to Consider

Salmeterol

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Substance Identification

Substance Name

Formoterol

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Drug Class

Breast Feeding

Lactation

Milk, Human

Anti-Asthmatic Agents

Bronchodilator Agents

Beta Adrenergic Agonists