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**Generic Name: IPRATROPIUM BROMIDE (Ipra-tro-pee-ym)**  
**Brand Name: ATROVENT (A-tro-vent)**

**USE OF IPRATROPIUM:**

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Ipratropium is used to open the breathing tubes of the lungs. This allows for more flow of air into and out of the lungs. It also relieves difficulty breathing and wheezing.

**CALL THE DOCTOR IF:**

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1. Your baby has difficulty breathing after treatment.
2. Your baby becomes irritable or drowsy and cannot be calmed by your usual way.
3. Your baby's heart rate seems unusually fast or slow.
4. Your baby spits up more than is usual for him/her or the baby starts to vomit.
5. Your baby develops a rash or swelling around the mouth and/or tongue.
6. Your baby has a fever.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

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1. Review the 2 sections titled "**Safety**" and "**How to Use the Medicine**" in your **General Instructions for Giving Your Baby's Oral Medicine** hand out.
2. Ipratropium is inhaled by a device called a nebulizer. The nebulizer turns the medicine into a fine mist that your baby breathes in through his/her nose and mouth.
3. Follow instructions about cleaning and caring for the inhaler and spacer.
4. Do not use this medicine if your baby has a sudden onset of wheezing or difficulty breathing.