

Fentanyl (Duragesic) Patch

Your child is receiving pain medication (Fentanyl) in the form of a patch that is applied directly to the skin. Your child will be discharged home from the hospital with this patch.

Important Things to Know

Medicine

- Your child will be going home on ____ mcg/hr Fentanyl patch.
- You will place ____ (number) of ____ mcg/hr patches on dry, non-hairy, intact skin every 3 days.
- Each Fentanyl patch is to stay in place for 3 days before changing.
- Do not cut or damage the patch, or it will not work correctly.
- Do not take any other pain medications or use more than the above number of Fentanyl patches without asking your child's doctor.

Bathing

- Do not use soap, alcohol, or lotion before putting on a new patch.
- You can gently clean the new area with water only.

Changing the Patch

- Before putting on a new patch, remove all other fentanyl patches your child is wearing.
- Put the new fentanyl patch or patches in a new body area.
- After removing a patch, fold it in half with the sticky sides together, and flush it down the toilet.

Activity

- Do not expose the fentanyl patch to heat, such as in a hot tub, whirlpool, sauna, sunbathing, or hot packs.
- Do not drink alcohol, smoke marijuana, or take street drugs while wearing a fentanyl patch.
- Do not drive a car or use dangerous machines while wearing a fentanyl patch.
- Do not swallow, lick, suck, chew or smoke the gel from a new or used Fentanyl patch. This can cause a drug overdose and problems breathing, leading to death.
- Do not stop applying the fentanyl patches without talking to your doctor.

When to Call the Doctor

Call the doctor if your child has any of the following signs:

- Has trouble breathing.
- Is possibly pregnant.
- Has a temperature of 101° F or higher.
- Has nausea, vomiting, or constipation.
- Has drowsiness, confusion, or weakness.
- Has dry mouth or sweating.

How to Reach Help

Call 323-660-2450 and ask the operator to page the Pain Medicine doctor on call. In case of an emergency, call 911.

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