**MEDICATION:** **Fentanyl (Duragesic®)**

**USES:** Treats moderate to severe chronic pain that cannot be controlled with other medications.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Topical (Patch)

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**Potential Side Effects:**
- Constipation
- Dizziness, drowsiness
- Dry mouth
- Nausea and vomiting

(The side effects listed above are those that occur most frequently. Other side effects may occur; please contact your doctor to report any new medical problems!)

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**Warnings:**

- Inform your doctor if you are:
  1. allergic to any food or medicine,
  2. taking any non-cancer related prescriptions or over the counter drugs
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any new medications including: prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, vitamins or herbal supplements.

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**Additional Instructions:**
- Your doctor or nurse will tell you how many patches to use, where to apply them, and how often to apply them.
- This medicine comes with patient instructions, read and follow them carefully.
- Leave the patch in its sealed wrapper until you are ready to put it on. Tear the wrapper open carefully. NEVER CUT the wrapper or the patch with scissors. Do not use any patch that has been cut by accident.
The patient instructions will show the body areas where you can wear the patch. Do not place on bony areas. When putting on each new patch, choose a different place within these areas. Do not put the new patch on the same place you wore the last one. Be sure to remove the old patch before applying a new one.

Do not put the patch over burns, cuts, or irritated skin. Do not use soap, lotion, or oil on the skin before putting on the patch.

Put on a new patch if the old one has fallen off and cannot be reapplied.

Throw any used patch away so that children or pets cannot get to it. When you stop using this medicine, throw away any leftover patches you did not use. When throwing away a patch, fold it in half with the sticky sides together and flush it down the toilet.

Do not drive a vehicle or operate machinery if you feel drowsy after taking the drug.

Do not let the patch get too hot or it may release too much medicine too quickly. Avoid direct sunlight and using electric blankets, heated waterbeds, saunas, sun lamps, and hot tubs. Call your doctor if you have a fever.

Store patches at room temperature in a closed container, away from heat, moisture, and direct light.