

®Teva-Fentanyl Patch Return Program
What You Need to Know—continued

What if I plan to go away or have the medication delivered to my house?

Don't worry; the ®Teva-Fentanyl Patch Return Program works with larger vacation supplies and delivery. Just check with the pharmacy staff and they will discuss the procedure.

If you have any questions about this program, just ask any member of the pharmacy team.

Used ®Teva-Fentanyl patches must be returned to your pharmacy on the return sheet. It is very important that they are **NOT** disposed of in the household trash.

Bring your used patches back to your pharmacy.

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Why do I have to bring my used ®Teva-Fentanyl patches back to the pharmacy?

Fentanyl is a very powerful pain medication. A **used** fentanyl patch still has enough medication to be harmful or even fatal to children, pets, or anyone not prescribed the medication. The ®Teva-Fentanyl Patch Return Program is designed to improve the safety of the community.

I've never had to do this before with any medication. Why do I have to do it with ®Teva-Fentanyl patches?

Fentanyl is responsible for an increasing number of overdose deaths throughout Canada. By ensuring that **used** patches are returned and destroyed by the pharmacy, we hope to lower the number of these deaths. Patch return programs have been shown to lower overdose deaths.

What should I do with the used patches?

Once you remove a used patch from your skin, stick the used patch on the return sheet in the numbered boxes. **DO NOT** tamper with the patch in any way. Make sure your used patches do not overlap, because your pharmacy team will need to inspect them. If your patches appear to be tampered with, your pharmacist may not give you any more patches. Store the return sheet in a safe place.

How does this program work?

The ®Teva-Fentanyl Patch Return Program works on a concept of “one in, one out.” When you are ready to pick up your next supply at the pharmacy, it is very important to bring the completed return sheet with you. You will need to bring **ALL** your used patches back to the pharmacy, or you may not receive your full prescription of fentanyl.

Why can't I bring my patches back to my doctor when he/she writes my prescription?

Your doctor does not have the facilities to dispose of your used patches. Your pharmacy will destroy the used patches safely.

Why can't I keep throwing out my patches at home?

Fentanyl, like every medication, is considered hazardous waste. Your patches should not be thrown out in the trash. They need to be safely disposed of to prevent poisoning, injury, and misuse, and to protect the environment. Your pharmacist can do this safely when you bring your used patches back to the pharmacy.

What if I lose a patch?

The program works on a “one in, one out” concept. For example, if you only return 8 out of 10 patches, your pharmacist will only give you 8 new patches instead of your usual 10 patches. Store and care for your used patches in the same way you care for the new ones.

Can I refuse to participate in this patch return program?

The program is mandatory in many districts in Canada. It is supported by police, medical and pharmacy organizations to protect you and the entire community. If you have been provided with a patch return sheet, your doctor and/or your pharmacist want you to participate in this program.

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