

# FENTANYL PATCH PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS



**WEAR ON MY SKIN  
AT ALL TIMES**

**SECURE  
WITH TAPE OR  
DRESSING**



**KEEP ON  
MY OLD PATCH  
BEFORE GETTING  
MY  
NEW PATCH**



**TELL  
MY PROVIDER IF I  
NEED A HIGHER  
DOSAGE**

**CHANGE  
MY PATCH EVERY  
2-3 DAYS**

**MISSED A  
PATCH  
CHANGE?  
VISIT MY  
PROVIDER ASAP**

Fold a fallen patch in half with the sticky side in to prevent it from sticking to other people or pets. Put it in a plastic bag or container and return it to my pharmacy or clinic as soon as possible



## **IMPORTANT!** Some things may interact with the Fentanyl patch & increase the risk of overdose

- Tell my care provider if I am on HIV medication.
- Minimize excessive heat & physical activities which may increase the absorption of fentanyl.
- Avoid using downers like alcohol and benzos.
- Cutting the patch or using the patch in ways other than wearing it on my skin can make it ineffective or can increase my risk of overdose.
- If I feel I need a higher dose, I can discuss with my care provider.

**MY PATCH SCHEDULE IS:** (Circle the days)

**Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun**

**FOR QUESTIONS, I CAN CALL:**



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## WHAT IS A FENTANYL PATCH PROGRAM?

- It is a medicated patch that is worn on the skin to deliver a constant dose of fentanyl.
- It may help reduce harms from the toxic drug supply.

## WHAT ARE SOME SIDE EFFECTS?

- Slowed breathing, nausea, vomiting, constipation, or overdose resulting in brain injury or death.
- The glue that keeps the patch on may make your skin itchy and red. Change the site each time you get a new patch.

## HOW MIGHT THE PATCH WORK WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

- Some people may want or need a fentanyl patch only, others may need it on top of their methadone, kadian, or suboxone.