

## FENTANYL

Generic Ingredient(s):	Fentanyl
Legal Class:	CD
Drug Class:	<a href="#">Opiates</a>
How Supplied:	Fentanyl
Price:	25 microgram/hr, 5=£26.94. 50 microgram/hr, 5=£50.32. 75 microgram/hr, 5=£70.15. 100 microgram/hr, 5=£86.46. Transdermal, oblong, transparent reservoir patches.
Indications:	Severe chronic pain.
Adults:	Opioid-naive patients: Initially, 25 microgram/hr. Opioid-treated patients: Apply strength of patch according to previous analgesics. See SPC. Apply patch to non-hairy area of chest or upper arm, remove and replace with new patch every 72 hrs using a different site. Titrate (every 3 days, generally in 25 microgram/hr increments) until pain controlled. Consider other analgesics if dose exceeds 300 microgram/hr.
Children:	Not recommended.
Contraindications:	Severe respiratory depression, severe obstructive lung conditions, severe CNS impairment. Lactation. Mezolar Matrix: soya/peanut allergy. Instanyl: previous facial radiotherapy, recurrent nosebleeds.
Precautions:	COPD, raised intracranial pressure, impaired

consciousness, head injury, bradyarrhythmia, renal or hepatic impairment, hypovolaemia, hypotension. Monitor for signs of respiratory depression. Brain tumour. Myasthenia gravis. Risk of tolerance and dependence. Elderly or debilitated patients. Opioid-naive patients. Pregnancy. Dispose of patches and oral units with care. Patches: fever, avoid exposure of application site to direct heat. Do not cut patches. Avoid touching adhesive side, wash hands after use.

Abstral: caution in patients with mouth wounds or mucositis.

Effentora: tabs contain sodium; caution in patients on a sodium-controlled diet.

Interactions:

MAOIs, CNS depressants, inducers or inhibitors of CYP3A4, grapefruit juice, narcotic antagonists. Instanyl: other intranasal drugs.

Side Effects:

Hypotension, somnolence, dizziness, hallucinations, pruritus, sweating, bradycardia, GI upset, urinary retention, headache, confusion, drowsiness, asthenia, dyspnoea, respiratory depression, dyspepsia, nervousness, loss of appetite. Tolerance and dependence. Oral use: mouth ulceration, dry mouth and flushing. Nasal spray: flushing, hot flushes, throat irritation. Patches: rash, erythema and itching. In case of serious adverse reaction, remove patch immediately and monitor for up to 24 hrs.

Additional Notes:

Abstral, Effentora, Instanyl: ▼ Report any adverse reaction to CHM.