

# Matrifen<sup>®</sup> (fentanyl transdermal patch)

## patches are simple to apply

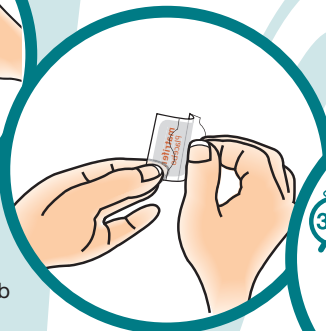
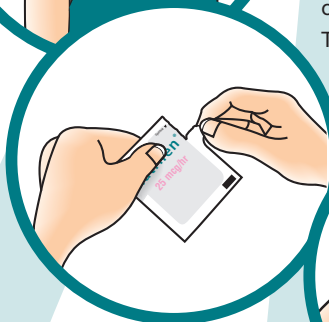


**You have been prescribed Matrifen patches. Always use Matrifen exactly as your doctor has told you.**

Matrifen patches should be applied to a flat part of the upper body or upper arm, where the skin is without hair, cuts or other skin blemishes. If the skin is hairy, then cut the hair with scissors. Do not shave as it may irritate the skin.

If the skin needs washing, wash with water. Do not use soap, oil, lotions, alcohol or other cleansers that may irritate the skin. The skin must be completely dry before applying the patch.

The patch should be stuck on immediately after opening.



Simply hold one half of the patch between your forefinger and thumb and remove the covering from the other half, taking care not to touch the exposed surface. Press the uncovered part of the patch onto your skin. Remove the other half of the covering and then press the whole patch firmly onto the skin with the palm of the hand for approximately 30 seconds, making sure it sticks well to the skin with no raised edges. Use additional fixing tape if necessary. Wash hands with water after applying the patch.

## ...and remove

After 72 hours (3 days) remove the patch. Dispose of the patch by carefully folding the patch in half so that the sticky edges adhere to each other and place inside the outer packaging. Wash hands with water after removing the patch. Discard or return to the pharmacy. A new patch should be applied to a different site.

Please also refer to the patient information leaflet inside the Matrifen<sup>®</sup> box for further information.

### Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.