



# Handling Fentanyl Patches: Staying Safe & Smart

## Medication Dispensary

### Human Safety

- Overdoses of fentanyl can be life threatening.
- Patches can be harmful or fatal if chewed, swallowed, or handled inappropriately.
- Keep patches out of reach or discovery of children. Do not let children see you handle patches and do not refer to them as stickers, tattoos, or band-aids as this could attract attention to them.
- **If human contact or overdose occurs, call 911 or Human Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222 immediately.**

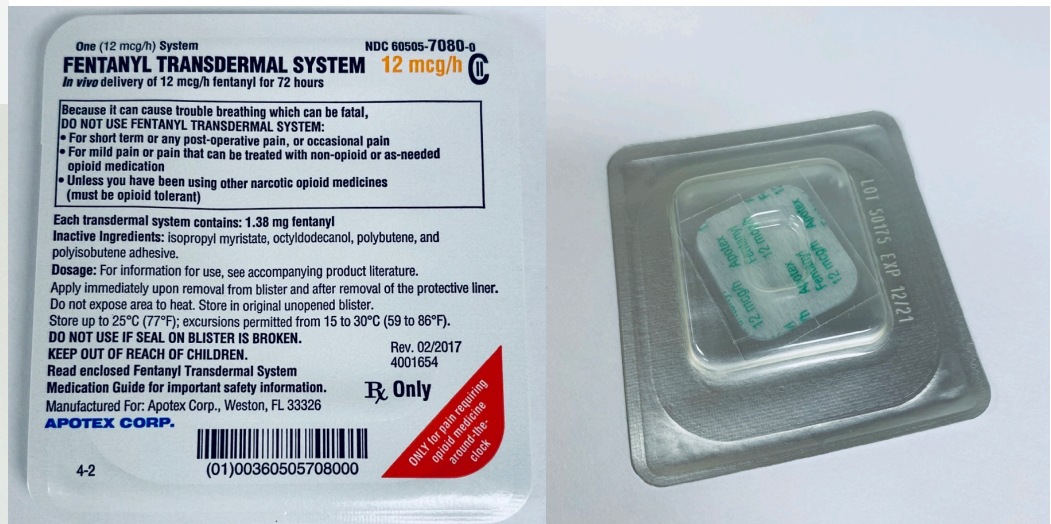


***If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your physician or the University of Illinois Medication Dispensary at 217-333-5329***

### Patient Safety

Safety should be the priority while handling hazardous agents. The following procedures are essential for the safety of your pet, family, and self:

- Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at the site where the fentanyl patch has been applied.
- Check throughout the day that the patch and bandage are firmly in place. **Contact the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital Medication Dispensary at 217-333-5329 if the bandage begins to peel away or if the patch falls off.**
- Do not apply any heat source, including heating pads, or place extra blankets over the patch as an increase in medication absorption and potential overdose can occur.



### Removal

- The patch is generally removed 3 days after it is applied. **The date for removal will be on your discharge instructions.**
- Go to your veterinarian's office to have the patch removed, OR while wearing gloves, fold the patch in half with the sticky sides together and immediately flush the folded patch down the toilet. **Do not place in household trash.**
- Following the removal of the patch, **while still wearing gloves**, utilize the adhesive remover wipe to remove any remaining residue from your pet's skin.

## VETERINARY TEACHING HOSPITAL

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