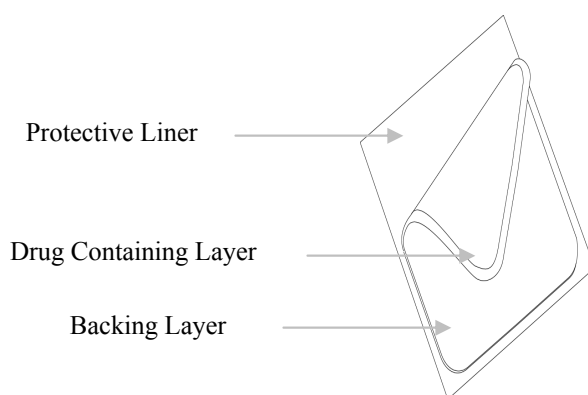


**Instructions for Use  
DURAGESIC® (Dur-ah-GEE-zik)  
(Fentanyl Transdermal System) CII**

**Instructions for Applying a DURAGESIC® patch**

**Be sure that you read, understand, and follow these Instructions for Use before you use DURAGESIC®. Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have any questions.**

**Parts of the DURAGESIC® patch:**



**Before applying DURAGESIC®**

- **Each DURAGESIC® patch is sealed in its own protective pouch. Do not remove a DURAGESIC® patch from the pouch until you are ready to use it.**
- **Do not use a DURAGESIC® patch if the pouch seal is broken or the patch is cut, damaged or changed in any way.**
- **DURAGESIC® patches are available in 5 different doses and patch sizes. Make sure you have the right dose patch or patches that have been prescribed for you.**

## **Applying a DURAGESIC® patch**

### **1. Skin areas where the DURAGESIC® patch may be applied:**

#### **For adults:**

- Put the patch on the chest, back, flank (sides of the waist), or upper arm in a place where there is no hair (See Figures A-D).

#### **For children (and adults with mental impairment):**

- **Put the patch on the upper back (See Figure B).** This will lower the chances that the child will remove the patch and put it in their mouth.

#### **For adults and children**

- Do not put a DURAGESIC® patch on skin that is very oily, burned, broken out, cut, irritated, or damaged in any way.
- Avoid sensitive areas or those that move around a lot. If there is hair, **do not shave (shaving irritates the skin)**. Instead, clip hair as close to the skin as possible (See Figure E).
- **Talk to your healthcare provider if you have questions about skin application sites.**

### **2. Prepare to apply a DURAGESIC® patch:**

- Choose the time of day that is best for you to apply DURAGESIC®. Change it at about the same time of day (3 days or 72 hours after you apply the patch) or as directed by your healthcare provider.
- Do not wear more than one DURAGESIC® patch at a time unless your healthcare provider tells you to do so. Before applying a new DURAGESIC® patch, remove the patch you have been wearing.
- Clean the skin area with clear water **only**. **Pat skin completely dry.** Do not use anything on the skin such as soaps, lotions, oils, or alcohol before the patch is applied.



Figure A



Figure B



Figure C



Figure D



Figure E

**3. Open the pouch:** Fold and tear at slit, or cut at slit taking care not to cut the patch. Remove the DURAGESIC® patch. Each DURAGESIC® patch is sealed in its own protective pouch. Do not remove the DURAGESIC® patch from the pouch until you are ready to use it (See Figure F).



**Figure F**

**4. Peel:** Peel off both parts of the protective liner from the patch. Each DURAGESIC® patch has a clear plastic backing that can be peeled off in two pieces. This covers the sticky side of the patch. Carefully peel this backing off. Throw the clear plastic backing away. **Touch the sticky side of the DURAGESIC® patch as little as possible** (See Figure G).



**Figure G**

**5. Press:** Press the patch onto the chosen skin site **with the palm of your hand and hold there for at least 30 seconds** (See Figure H). Make sure it sticks well, especially at the edges.



**Figure H**

- DURAGESIC® may not stick to all patients. You need to check the patches often to make sure that they are sticking well to the skin.
- If the patch falls off right away after applying, throw it away and put a new one on at a different skin site. See the section below called “Disposing of a DURAGESIC® patch”.
- If you have a problem with the patch not sticking
  - Apply first aid tape only to the edges of the patch.
  - If you continue to have problems with the patch sticking, you may cover the patch with Bioclusive™ or Tegaderm™. These are special see-through adhesive dressings. **Never cover a DURAGESIC® patch with any other bandage or tape.** Remove the backing from the Bioclusive™ or Tegaderm™ dressing and place it carefully over the DURAGESIC® patch, smoothing it over the patch and your skin.
- **If your patch falls off later, but before 3 days (72 hours) of use, dispose of properly. See the section below “Disposing of a DURAGESIC® patch”. Apply a new DURAGESIC® patch on at a different skin site. Be sure to let your healthcare provider know that this has happened, and do not replace the new patch until 3 days (72 hours) after you put it on (or as directed by your healthcare provider).**

6. Wash your hands when you have finished applying a DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup> patch.
7. Remove a DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup> patch after wearing it for 3 days (72 hours). See the section below “Disposing of a DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup> patch”. Choose a **different** skin site to apply a new DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup> patch. Repeat Steps 2 through 6 above when applying a new DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup> patch.

**Do not apply the new patch to the same place as the last one.**

#### **Water and DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup>**

- You can bathe, swim or shower while you are wearing a DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup> patch. If the patch falls off before 3 days (72 hours) after application, dispose of properly. See the section below “Disposing of a DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup> patch”. Apply a new DURAGESIC<sup>®</sup> patch on at a different skin site. Be sure to let your healthcare provider know that this has happened, and do not replace the new patch until 3 days (72 hours) after you put it on (or as directed by your healthcare provider).

### Disposing of a DURAGESIC® patch

- Fold the used DURAGESIC® patch in half so that the sticky side sticks to itself (See Figure I). **Flush the used DURAGESIC® patch down the toilet right away** (See Figure J). **A used DURAGESIC® patch can be very dangerous for or lead to death in babies, children, pets, and adults who have not been prescribed DURAGESIC®.**
- Throw away any DURAGESIC® patches that are left over from your prescription as soon as they are no longer needed. Remove the leftover patches from their protective pouch and remove the protective liner. **Fold the patches in half with the sticky sides together, and flush the patches down the toilet.** Do not flush the pouch or the protective liner down the toilet. These items can be thrown away in a trashcan.



Figure I



Figure J

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