

Transdermal Patch Application Chart

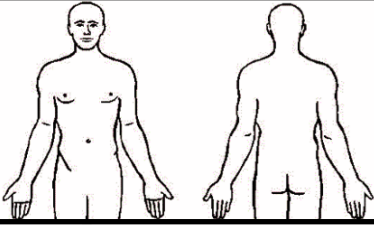
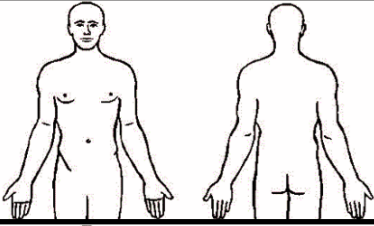
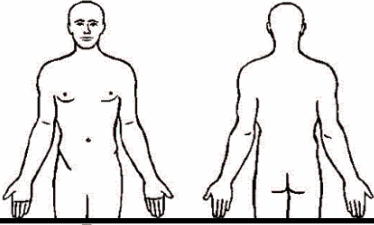
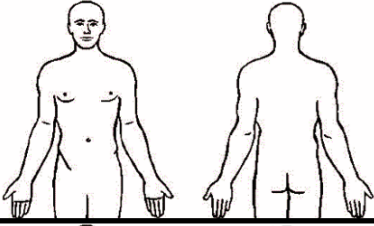
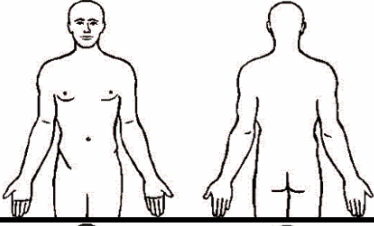
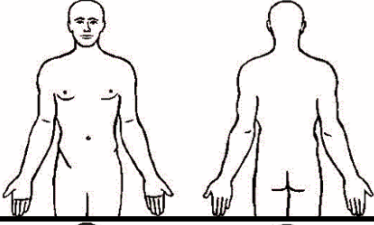
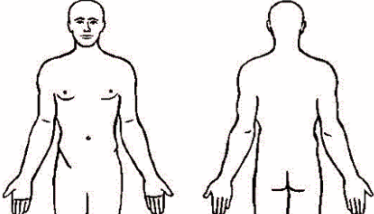
Patient name: _____

D.O.B: _____

Name of patch: _____

Patch Strength: _____

Put a cross X where the patch has been placed

	Date applied: _____ Signature: _____ Date removed: _____ Signature: _____	1
	Date applied: _____ Signature: _____ Date removed: _____ Signature: _____	2
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Patch disposal: The used patch should be folded in half, adhesive side in, and then disposed of safely according to the patient information leaflet and your care setting policy.

Procedure for the use of Transdermal Patches

These patches are applied to the skin and they have a “systemic” effect, not a “topical” effect, i.e. the medicine they contain is absorbed directly through the skin into the bloodstream.

Preparation

As with other medicines, after making all necessary preparations (including the “6 rights” and checking guidance in the information leaflet supplied with the patch) ensure all instructions & warnings are understood, before proceeding. Emphasis must be placed on the following:

Action	Reason
Wash hands with soap & water then dry thoroughly, before & after the procedure	To prevent cross infection & contamination of service user, carer & product
Assemble all necessary medicines & equipment before starting	Have everything ready so that the procedure doesn't get interrupted
Wear disposable gloves prior to applying patches	For hygiene and protection of service user, carer and product
Patches look similar to plasters and are applied in much the same way. It is essential to read the information leaflet on where and how to apply	The leaflet gives important information - some patches must only be applied to specific areas of the body, e.g. below the waistline or to the upper arm.

Administration

Action	Reason
Ensure the skin is clean, dry and undamaged and apply the patch firmly just like a plaster; try not to touch the active centre of the patch	To ensure efficient systemic release of medication across the skin and to minimise the chance of side-effects
Vary the site of each new application. Patch application recording should include site of applications.	To avoid skin becoming sore from repeated application in the same place
Dispose of any removed patch safely by folding in half (so that the patch sticks to itself)	Follow guidance in leaflet & dispose of according to your policy or check with pharmacist
Remove protective gloves and wash hands thoroughly again after procedure is complete	Continuing correct hygiene to prevent cross infection etc.
Patches can be removed (with prescribers permission) if any side-effects/adverse reactions occur	Always check (as with other medicines) before taking action