

# B-PATCH Transdermal Drug Delivery System

buprenorphine

## Consumer Medicine Information

### WARNING:

#### Limitations of use

B-PATCH patches should only be used when your doctor decides that other treatment options are not able to effectively manage your pain or you cannot tolerate them.

#### Hazardous and harmful use

B-PATCH patches pose risks of abuse, misuse and addiction which can lead to overdose and death. Your doctor will monitor you regularly during treatment.

#### Life threatening respiratory depression

B-PATCH patches can cause life-threatening or fatal breathing problems (slow, shallow, unusual or no breathing) even when used as recommended.

These problems can occur at any time during use, but the risk is higher when first starting B-PATCH patches and after a dose increase, if you are older, or have an existing problem with your lungs. Your doctor will monitor you and change the dose as appropriate.

#### Use of other medicines while using B-PATCH patches

Using B-PATCH patches with other medicines that can make you feel drowsy such as sleeping tablets (e.g. benzodiazepines), other pain relievers, antihistamines, antidepressants, antipsychotics, gabapentinoids (e.g. gabapentin and pregabalin), cannabis and alcohol may result in severe drowsiness, decreased awareness, breathing problems, coma and death. Your doctor will minimise the dose and duration of use; and monitor you for signs and symptoms of breathing difficulties and sedation. You must not drink alcohol while using B-PATCH patches.

This leaflet provides important information about using B-PATCH patches. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using B-PATCH patches.**

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### 1. Why am I using B-PATCH patches?

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**B-PATCH patches contain the active ingredient buprenorphine.** Buprenorphine belongs to a group of medicines called opioid analgesics.

B-PATCH patches are indicated for the management of severe pain where:

- other treatment options have failed, are contraindicated, not tolerated or are otherwise inappropriate to provide sufficient management of pain, and
- the pain is opioid-responsive, and
- requires daily, continuous, long-term treatment.