What is Bupeaze and what is it used for?

Bupeaze is an analgesic (a pain-relieving medicine) intended to relieve moderate to severe cancer pain and perhaps other types of pain. Bupeaze贴片通过皮肤使用。Buprenorphine is an opioid (a strong pain reliever) that reduces pain by acting on the central nervous system (specific nerve cells in the spinal cord and in the brain). The effect of the transdermal patch lasts for up to four days. Bupeaze is not suitable for the treatment of acute (short-acting) pain.

2. What you need to know before you use Bupeaze

• You should not use Bupeaze if you have taken it according to the instructions given by the prescriber or in the information provided with the medicine.
• If you have stopped using Bupeaze and you are taking another medicine, you will need to inform your doctor or pharmacist that you are using Bupeaze.
• If you are taking a medicine that may affect the metabolism of Bupeaze, you will need to inform your doctor or pharmacist that you are using Bupeaze.
• If you are using Bupeaze for the first time, you will need to inform your doctor or pharmacist that you are using Bupeaze.

3. How to use Bupeaze

• You should not drink alcohol while using Bupeaze. Alcohol may intensify certain side effects of the transdermal patch.
• You should not drive while taking Bupeaze until you know how it affects you. If you use more Bupeaze than you should, you may drive while taking Bupeaze until you know how it affects you.

4. Possible side effects

• Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

5. How to store Bupeaze

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6. Contents of the pack and other information

• If you are pregnant.

7. What to do if you think you have had an overdose

• If you feel faint or dizzy or experience any of the following symptoms: feel light-headed, have difficulty concentrating, speech disorder, muzziness, disturbed balance, abnormal skin sensations, loss of appetite.

8. Duration of treatment

• You should not use Bupeaze for more than 4 days. If you use Bupeaze for more than 4 days, you should consult your doctor or pharmacist.

9. Possible side effects

• If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, you should not use Bupeaze unless your doctor or pharmacist tells you to.
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### Applying the transdermal patch

**Step 1:** Each transdermal patch is sealed in a sachet. Just before use, cut the sachet along the scored edge with scissors. Take out the transdermal patch.

**Step 2:** The sticky side of this transdermal patch is coated with a transparent protective film. Carefully peel off one part of the film. Try not to touch the sticky part of the transdermal patch.

**Step 3:** Stick the transdermal patch onto the area of skin you have chosen and remove the remaining film.

**Step 4:** Press the transdermal patch against your skin with the palms of your hands for 5 to 10 seconds. Make sure that the whole transdermal patch is in contact with your skin, especially at the edges.

**Step 5:** With your hand (the hitting hand) still holding the transdermal patch, don't rub the adhesive film. If not, it may fall off prematurely.

### Wearing the transdermal patch

You may wear the transdermal patch for up to 4 days. Provided that you have applied the transdermal patch correctly, there is little risk of it coming off. You may shower, bathe, or swim while wearing it. However, do not expose the transdermal patch to extreme heat (e.g. saunas, baths, infrared lamps, electric blankets, hot water bottles).

In the unlikely event that your transdermal patch falls off before it needs changing, do not use the same transdermal patch again. Stick a new one on in the same way (see Changing the transdermal patch below).

### Changing the transdermal patch

- Take off the old transdermal patch off.
- Place the adhesive matrix with the sticky side inwards.
- Press firmly around the edges of the patch.
- Stick a new transdermal patch on the skin at a different site (as described above). Wait at least one week before using the same site again.

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### Duration of treatment

Your doctor will tell you how long you may use Bupeaze. Do not stop using Bupeaze on your own account, because pain may return and you may feel unwell (see also “If you stop using Bupeaze” below).

If you use more Bupeaze than you should

The harm that can occur from overdose depends on the dose you have taken. The dose may be much greater than the normal dose if you use more patches than you should.

If you forget to apply Bupeaze

If you forget to apply a new transdermal patch as soon as you remember, you will then need to change your routine, e.g. you should apply your transdermal patches on Monday and Thursday, but you forget and don’t stick on a new transdermal patch until Wednesday, you will need to change your transdermal patch on Wednesday and Saturday from then on in order to maintain the same days, e.g. always on Monday mornings and Thursday evenings. To help you remember when to change your transdermal patch, you should make a note on the calendar on the outer packaging. If your doctor has advised you to apply your transdermal patches on Wednesdays and Saturdays from then on. Make a note of the new pair of days on the calendar on the outer packaging. If you are very late changing your transdermal patch, pain may return. In this case please follow the instructions given by your doctor.

If you stop using Bupeaze

- Stop using Bupeaze as instructed by your doctor.
- Fold it in half with the sticky side inwards.
- Refold the patch if it falls off before it needs changing.
- If your doctor has advised you to apply a new transdermal patch, you should make a note on the calendar on the outer packaging. If you are very late changing your transdermal patch, pain may return. In this case please follow the instructions given by your doctor.

### Possible side effects

#### Common

- headache
- vomiting
- dry mouth
- various degrees of sedation (calmness), ranging from light-headed to muzzy
- sweating
- restlessness
- yawning

#### Uncommon

- confusion, sleep disturbance
- increased respiration
- blurred vision, eczema
- hot flashes
- trembling
- balance disturbances
- excitement
- disturbed sleep
- visual disturbances
- thirst

#### Rare

- tremor
- incontinence
- abdominal pain
- decreased stools
- muscle cramps
- persistent headache
- numbness
- weakness
- paraesthesia
- dizziness
- nausea
- vomiting
- depression
- tremor
- nervousness
- hallucinations
- suicidal ideation
- delusions
- anxiety
- agitation
- confusion
- agitation
- memory disturbances
- delirium tremens

#### Severe

- convulsions
- agitation
- panic attacks
- violent behaviour
- increased respiration
- visual disturbances
- suicidal ideation
- delusions
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### What Bupeaze contains

- **Buprenorphine citrate** 52.5 micrograms of buprenorphine per hour.

### How to store Bupeaze

- Did not use the medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and sachet after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- This medicine does not require any special storage conditions.
- After removing a patch, fold it in half with the sticky side inwards and press them together. Return the used patch to the sachet and carefully discard the transdermal patch.
- Do not throw any medicines via wastewater. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

### Additional information

- The area of skin you choose must be dry and clean. If necessary, wash it with cold or lukewarm water. Do not use soap or other detergents. After a hot bath or shower, wait until your skin is completely dry and cool. Do not apply the foil. Try not to touch the sticky part of the transdermal patch, as this might prevent your transdermal patch from sticking properly.
- If the chosen area has hairs, cut them off with a pair of scissors. Do not shave them off!
- Never apply twice the number of transdermal patches to make up for the forgotten application!
- If the transdermal patch falls off before it needs changing, do not use the same transdermal patch again. Stick a new one on in the same way (see Changing the transdermal patch below).
- If you stop using Bupeaze, the risk of adverse effects is very low. However, if you feel agitated, anxious, or restless or if you experience headache, difficulty sleeping, or deterioration of function, tell your doctor.
- If you suffer from delirium tremens (confusion and trembling caused by abstinence from alcohol following treatment with Bupeaze). Do not drive or operate machinery for at least 24 hours after the patch has been removed.
- The medicine can affect your ability to drive as it may make you sleepy or dizzy.
- Do not drive while taking this medicine until you know how it affects you.
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- If you are affected, you should not drive or operate machinery whilst using Bupeaze.
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