

Fentanyl Lozenge

Indication(s): Pain Management

Contraindication: Known hypersensitivity to fentanyl or other opioid; shock; altered level of consciousness; injury to torso (chest and/or pelvis) or bilateral femur fractures (Risk of Fat Embolism Syndrome (FES)).

Precautions: Use with caution in pregnancy, elderly patients, those with lung disease or breathing difficulties and in patients that are intoxicated. Patients should not drive, use machinery, or do anything that needs mental alertness until they know how the medication will affect them.

Drug Interactions: Concomitant use of other CNS depressants (e.g. Alcohol) during therapy has an additive effect (Avoid Combo). Theoretic increased risk for serotonin syndrome when used with other serotonergic drugs (e.g. SSRIs, SNRIs) (Monitor). Possibility of increased risk of respiratory depression if used with muscle relaxants (e.g. cyclobenzaprine) (Monitor).

Common Side Effects: Short-term - dizziness (16%), nausea (12%), headache (7%), fatigue (4%), drowsiness (3%), vomiting (2%). Note – Dyspnoea = 4% w/ long term treatment.

Dosage and Administration: 1) Place 800mcg lozenge in patient's mouth between the cheek and gums. 2) If in adequate analgesia at 15min may administer 2nd lozenge in opposite cheek. Max 2 doses.