

# Fentanyl Patch Exchange Program

To help control the number of un-monitored fentanyl patches in our community, local pharmacists have been asked to dispense no more than a 30 day supply of patches at a time to a patient.

Patients are also asked to return their used patches before receiving new ones.

By following these instructions you can help prevent fentanyl-related deaths linked to abuse from illegal street use or personal theft.

1. Keep track of your new patches.
2. Keep new and used patches in a locked cabinet or container.
3. Place used patches on the patch return sheet (inside this brochure).
4. Do not fold, cut, tear, or alter the used patches.
5. Place one patch in each square.
6. When all your used patches are placed in the squares, fold the brochure, and take it to the pharmacy.
7. You will receive one new patch for each used patch returned.

## Facts about Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a powerful opioid, much stronger than codeine, oxycodone, morphine and hydromorphone.

After wearing the patch properly, approximately 60-80% of the medicine is still on the patch. That's enough fentanyl to cause serious harm to another person, child or pet.

Strong opioids are a prime target for abuse and illegal activity.

Fentanyl abuse can occur when a new or used patch is used for non-medical purposes or taken via methods not directed by their doctor (smoking, chewing, injecting, etc.).

### Fentanyl Use Deaths IN ONTARIO 2009 to 2013

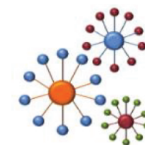


DURING THIS PERIOD **549** deaths have been associated with fentanyl.  
(Office of the Chief Coroner ON)

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# Fentanyl Patch Return Program

## RETURN SHEET & WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



South West  
PRIMARY CARE NETWORK  
London/Middlesex



patient name / label

place  
used patch  
here

date:\_\_\_\_  
initial:\_\_\_\_

1

place  
used patch  
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Teach your family and friends about the dangers of fentanyl and how to recognize the signs of an overdose. Tell them if they see you having an overdose, to call 911 immediately.