* The old patch should be removed before applying the new patch.
* The old patch must be folded in half and stuck together before disposal, in accordance with the Care Home policy.
* The site of application should be rotated in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidance.
* Use a new section each time a new patch is applied (sometimes more than one patch is required per dose- these should be changed at the same time).
* **The patch should be checked on a daily basis to make sure it is still in place.**
* Do not apply the patch immediately after the resident has had a hot shower or bath.
* Heat sources such as hot water bottles and electric blankets should not be used.
* Use a cross (x) to indicate where on the body the new patch has been applied and denote F for front or B for back

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