PATIENT INFORMATION
NEUPRO® [NU pro]
(rotigotine transdermal system)

Rx Only

IMPORTANT: NEUPRO is for use on the skin only.

Read the Patient Information that comes with NEUPRO before you start using it and each
time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the
place of talking to your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you
have any questions about NEUPRO, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about NEUPRO?

NEUPRO may make you very sleepy or cause you to fall asleep suddenly, and
without warning while doing normal activities such as driving, talking with other
people, watching TV, or eating. This can happen any time during treatment with
NEUPRO.

• Do not drive, work on ladders, or do other dangerous activities while using NEUPRO
  until you know how NEUPRO affects you.
• If NEUPRO does make you very sleepy, or you fall asleep suddenly while doing
  normal activities, do not drive or do other dangerous activities until you talk with
  your doctor.

Tell your doctor if you fall asleep suddenly while doing normal activities or feel sleepier
than normal.

Heat may cause too much medicine from a Neupro patch to pass through your skin.
While you are wearing a NEUPRO patch, do not:

• apply a heating pad to the application site area
• take a hot bath
• use a sauna
• expose the application site to direct sunlight

What is NEUPRO?

NEUPRO is a type of medicine called a dopamine agonist. NEUPRO is a patch
(transdermal delivery system) worn on the skin. It is used to treat the signs and symptoms
of early-stage Parkinson’s disease in adults.
NEUPRO has not been studied in children.

Who should not use NEUPRO?

Do not use NEUPRO if you are allergic to anything in it. See the end of this leaflet for
a complete list of ingredients in NEUPRO.
NEUPRO contains a sulfite called sodium metabisulfate. Sulfites can cause life-threatening allergic reactions in people that are sensitive to sulfites. People with asthma are more likely to be sensitive to sulfites. If you have trouble breathing or swallowing while using NEUPRO, remove NEUPRO right away and call your doctor or get emergency care.

NEUPRO may not be right for you. Before starting NEUPRO tell your doctor about all of your health conditions including if you:

- are allergic to sulfites
- have asthma
- have blood pressure problems
- have heart problems
- are pregnant or breastfeeding or planning on becoming pregnant

Tell your doctor if you drink alcohol
Alcohol should be avoided while using NEUPRO. ALCOHOL and NEUPRO can interact and increase your chance of being sleepy or falling asleep suddenly while doing normal activities.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. Some medicines may affect how NEUPRO works. NEUPRO may also affect how your other medicines work. Especially tell your doctor if you take other medicines that can make you sleepy such as sleep medicines, antidepressants, or antipsychotics.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines with you to show your doctor and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine.

**How should I use NEUPRO?**

See the end of this leaflet for complete instructions “How to use and apply a NEUPRO patch.”

- Use NEUPRO exactly as prescribed by your doctor.
- NEUPRO comes in 4 different size (dose) patches. Your doctor will probably start you on a low dose of NEUPRO. Your doctor will change the dose weekly until you are taking the right amount of medicine to control your symptoms. It may take several weeks before you reach the dose that controls your symptoms best. Do not stop or change your dose of NEUPRO without first talking with your doctor.
- Talk to your doctor often about your condition. **Do not stop or change your treatment with Neupro without talking to your doctor.**
- Patients with Parkinson’s disease may have an increased chance of getting a skin cancer called melanoma. People with Parkinson’s disease should have a doctor check their skin for skin cancer regularly.
What are the possible side effects of NEUPRO?

Possible serious side effects with NEUPRO include:

- **falling asleep while doing normal activities.** See “What is the most important information I should know about NEUPRO?”
- **low blood pressure** that makes you feel dizzy, faint, sweaty, or have nausea. Stand up slowly when getting up from a sitting or lying position. Tell your doctor if you have symptoms of low blood pressure with NEUPRO.
- **fainting**
- **hallucinations** (seeing, hearing, or sensing things that are not real). The chance for hallucinations is higher in elderly patients with Parkinson’s disease.
- **compulsive** behavior and trouble controlling strong urges such as:
  - gambling too much
  - increased sexual desire
  - repeating meaningless actions
Talk to your doctor if you or family members notice that you are having unusual urges.

The most common side effects with NEUPRO are:

- nausea
- application site reaction
- drowsiness or sleepiness
- dizziness
- headache
- vomiting
- trouble sleeping (insomnia)

These are not all the side effects of NEUPRO. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Talk to your doctor about any side effects or problems you may have.

How do I store NEUPRO?

- Store NEUPRO at 68º to 77ºF (20º to 25ºC).
- Store NEUPRO in its sealed pouch until use.
- Keep NEUPRO and all medicines out of reach of children and away from pets.

General information about NEUPRO

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in Patient Information leaflets. Do not use NEUPRO for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give NEUPRO to other people even if they have the same condition you have. It may harm them.
This leaflet summarizes important information about NEUPRO. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for information about NEUPRO that was written for healthcare professionals.

For more information, visit [www.website.com](http://www.website.com) or call 1-800-xxx-xxxx.

**What are the ingredients in NEUPRO?**

**Active ingredient:** rotigotine

**Inactive ingredients:** ascorbyl palmitate, povidone, silicone adhesive, sodium metabisulfite, and dl-alpha-tocopherol.

**How to use and apply a NEUPRO patch**

Read these instructions carefully before you apply NEUPRO. Ask your doctor or pharmacist about anything you do not understand.

**When to Apply NEUPRO:**

Each patch is sealed in a pouch that protects it until you are ready to apply it.

- NEUPRO should be applied right away after removing it from the protective pouch.
- Wear NEUPRO for 24 hours. After 24 hours, remove the patch and apply a new one right away to a different area of skin.
- Choose the time of day or night that works best for you to apply NEUPRO. Apply the patch at the same time each day.

**Where to Apply NEUPRO:**

- Choose an area of clean, dry, and healthy skin on the stomach, thigh, hip, flank (side of the body between the ribs and the pelvis), shoulder, or upper arm.
- If you need to apply the patch to a hairy area, the area should be shaved at least 3 days before applying the patch.
- The patch should not be applied to areas where it could be rubbed by tight clothing or under a waistband.
- Avoid applying the patch on skin folds.
- Do not apply the patch to skin that is red, irritated, or injured.
- Each patch should be applied to a different place on the skin each day, for example, from the right side to the left side and from the upper body to the lower body.
NEUPRO should not be applied to the same area of skin more than once every 14 days.

- Creams, lotions, ointments, oils, and powders should not be applied to the skin area where the patch will be placed.

**How to Apply NEUPRO:**

Each patch is individually packaged. Just before you apply the patch, remove it from its sealed pouch, remove the protective liner and apply to the skin right away. Do not store the patch outside the sealed pouch. Do not cut a NEUPRO patch into smaller pieces.

1. Grasp the two sides of the pouch and pull apart.

2. Remove the patch from the pouch.

3. Hold the patch with both hands, with the protective liner on top.
4. Bend the edges of the patch away from you so that the S-shaped cut in the liner opens up.

5. Peel off one half of the protective liner. **Do not touch the sticky surface because the medicine could come off on your fingers.**

6. Apply the sticky half of the patch to a clean area of skin and remove the remaining liner.
7. Press the patch firmly with the palm of your hand for **20 to 30** seconds to make sure there is good contact with the skin, especially around the edges. Make sure that the patch is flat against the skin (there should be no bumps or fold in the patch).

8. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and water right after handling the patch to remove any medicine that may have gotten on them. Do not touch your eyes until after you have washed your hands.

**How to Remove NEUPRO:**

1. Slowly and carefully peel off the used patch. Carefully fold it in half (sticky sides together) and throw away the folded patch so that children and pets cannot reach it. This patch still contains some medicine and could harm a child or pet.
2. Gently wash the area with warm water and mild soap to remove any sticky material (adhesive) that stays on your skin. Baby or mineral oil may also be used to remove any adhesive. Alcohol or other solvents, such as nail polish remover, may cause skin irritation and should not be used.
3. Wash your hands with soap and water.
4. You may see mild redness at the site when a patch is removed. This redness should go away over time. If irritation or itchiness continues, tell your doctor.

**Other Information:**

- Heat may cause too much medicine from a Neupro patch to pass through your skin. While you are wearing a NEUPRO patch, do not:
  - apply a heating pad to the application site area
  - take a hot bath
• use a sauna
• expose the application site to direct sunlight
• You may bathe, shower, or swim while wearing a NEUPRO patch. Water may loosen your NEUPRO patch. If a NEUPRO patch falls off, apply a new NEUPRO patch for the rest of the day. The following day, apply a new patch at your regular time.
• If you forget to apply a NEUPRO patch at the usual time, remove the used NEUPRO patch you are currently wearing and put on a new NEUPRO patch on a different area of skin. Then apply a new NEUPRO patch the next day at your regular time.
• If you develop a skin rash or irritation from the patch, avoid direct sunlight on the area until the skin heals because sun exposure could lead to changes of skin color.
• Do not cut or damage a NEUPRO patch.
• To avoid a possible burn on your skin, remove your NEUPRO patch before you have procedures called magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or a cardioversion.

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