

Scopolamine Patch Instruction Sheet

Scopolamine is a round adhesive patch that was placed behind one of your ears following surgery. Its purpose is to help prevent nausea and vomiting associated with anesthesia and other analgesics (pain medication) used during your surgery.

There is a group of nerve fibers deep inside the ear that helps people with their balance. For some people, motion or medication increases the activity of these nerve fibers causing nausea and sometimes vomiting.

Scopolamine helps reduce the activity of the nerve fibers in the inner ear by passing medication through the skin and into the blood stream.

USAGE INSTRUCTIONS:

- The patch can be kept in place for **24-72 hours** following surgery. After this time it can be removed and discarded.
- After removal, please be sure to wash your hands and the area behind the ear with soap and water. **DO NOT TOUCH YOUR EYES BEFORE WASHING YOUR HANDS!**
- Dilation (widening) of the pupils may occur if the drug is on your fingers.
- The patch may still have the active ingredients on it, so avoid accidental contact with children or pets. Fold the used patch in half with the sticky side together and dispose in the trash.

SIDE EFFECTS:

- Most common side effect is a dry mouth
- May cause drowsiness
- If blurred vision, skin rash, increased heart rate, dry/itchy/redness to the whites of the eyes or if eye pain occurs, remove the patch. If symptoms do not resolve, contact your physician or seek medical attention.