QUTENZA (capsaicin)
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Description: Qutenza is a single-use patch (14cm x 20cm) which contains 8% of a synthetic form of capsaicin (a substance found naturally in chili peppers that effects nociceptive nerve fibers in the skin)

Authorization: pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia.

The following are unlabeled uses and not covered (see the VCHCP policy on Coverage of Prescription Medication for Off-Label use): diabetic neuropathy, treatment of pain associated with psoriasis and intractable pruritis.

Dosing: a single 60-minute application of up to four patches

PRECAUTIONS: do not expose to eyes or mucous membranes; caution patient that pain may increase following initiation of treatment but will decrease thereafter; application site irritation/sensitivity

DRUG INTERACTIONS: No known significant interactions.

REFERENCES


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