

Advice for PHARMACISTS

01

You can dispense any combination of patches for the initial script

This includes dispensing higher dose patches to cut-up or multiple lower dose patches for the patient to use at the same time.

02

There is NO CHARGE for extra patches of different strengths

At present (June 2024), Pharmac only fund 2 patches per week **of the same strength** - but patients can have a prescribed dose made up of 2 different patch strengths, which is funded. (e.g. a patient can have a 25mcg and a 75mcg patch dispensed to make up their total dose of 100mcg)

03

Repeat scripts are currently more problematic

Although Pharmac allows you to change patch presentations between repeats, you may encounter problems due to NZePS restrictions. For now, if you do switch patch presentations for repeats and have issues claiming, you can send Rx numbers to customer.service@health.govt.nz.

04

Estrogen gels are available here in NZ under Section 29

Gels are not yet funded, but can be ordered under Section 29 from any NZ wholesaler, at a cost to the patient.

There are two products available: Sandrena and Estrogel.

See [here](#) for more information.