

Information for Patients about
Lidocaine 5% Plasters
(Versatis)



These plasters are licensed for the treatment of Post Herpetic Neuralgia, but have also been found to be of benefit for other types of neuropathic pain.

You may feel some relief on the first day of using a plaster, but it may take up to 2 - 4 weeks until full pain relief is seen. You should continue using the plasters for 4 weeks. After 4 weeks, visit your GP for a review. If they are not effective then, you should stop using them.

Applying the Plasters

You must read the information leaflet that will be included with your plasters. This has more advice about how to apply the plasters.

- Hairs in the affected area should be cut off with scissors, but not shaved.
- Apply the plasters to skin that is dry, free from cuts, spots or other skin blemishes – do not use on open wounds.
- Wash your hands before applying the plaster.
- Apply a plaster once a day. This should be left on for up to 12 hours.
- You may apply up to 3 plasters to cover the area, and they can be cut before application if using on a smaller area or to fit on the affected area.
- You should not apply another plaster for 12 hours after removing a plaster.
- Remove if any irritation or burning occurs, or if you develop a skin reaction to them (itching or a rash).

Removing the Plasters

- After removing the plasters fold them in half (sticky side together), and throw them away, out of the reach of children or pets.
- Wash your hands after removing the plasters.

Storing the Plasters

Store the plasters in the original sachet, and keep this closed. Any unused plasters in the opened sachet should be thrown away after 14 days.



If you have any concerns about the plasters, or if you think they are causing any side effects, please discuss this with your GP, Community Pharmacist or NHS 24 on **08454 24 24 24**.

This leaflet is a summary of some information. However, you should still always read the manufacturers information which comes with your medication.

