



If you or someone you know has post-shingles nerve pain, you should know about Qutenza[®] (capsaicin) 8% patch.

What is Qutenza[®]?

- Qutenza[®] is indicated for the management of neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia (PHN).
- A single, 1-hour, *localized* treatment can provide 3 months of relief from post-shingles nerve pain, also known as postherpetic neuralgia. The treatment must be performed by a healthcare professional.¹
- The medicine in Qutenza[®] is prescription-strength capsaicin, which is the substance in chili peppers that gives them their heat sensation.
- In clinical studies with people who have post-shingles nerve pain, many patients experienced pain relief from Qutenza[®] during the first week that lasted throughout the 12-week studies.¹
- Approximately half of the patients in the studies were taking concomitant medications including anticonvulsants, non-SSRI antidepressants, or opioids at study entry.¹

What is post-shingles nerve pain?

- Shingles is a disease caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. In people with shingles, the chickenpox virus, which has been inactive in the body, returns and causes a rash and pain.
- In some people, the pain can continue after the shingles rash has healed.
- Post-shingles nerve pain is also known as postherpetic neuralgia (PHN).
- Post-shingles nerve pain can last for months or even years after the shingles outbreak has healed.

Call us today for an evaluation to see if Qutenza[®] may be right for you, or click www.Qutenza.com for more information.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Treatment with Qutenza[®] must be performed only by a healthcare provider. You should never apply or remove Qutenza[®] yourself.

Warnings and Precautions:

- Qutenza[®] is not for use near eyes or mucous membranes. Do not sniff or inhale near the Qutenza[®] patch as this may cause you to cough or sneeze.
- Do not touch the Qutenza[®] patch with your hands. If you touch the patch, it may cause burning and stinging; if this occurs, tell your healthcare provider.
- Even though a numbing medicine is used on the skin before applying Qutenza[®], some patients may still experience substantial pain during the treatment. Tell your healthcare provider if you are experiencing pain; a cool compress or medicine for the pain can be provided to help lessen your discomfort.
- Qutenza[®] can cause serious side effects including pain and increases in blood pressure during or right after treatment.
- Your healthcare provider should check your blood pressure during treatment with Qutenza[®].

- Patients who have high blood pressure that is not well controlled by medicine, or who have had recent heart problems, stroke, or other vascular problems, may be at increased risk and should discuss with their doctor whether Qutenza[®] is right for them.

Side Effects:

- In clinical studies, the most common drug-related side effects of Qutenza[®], which occurred in 5% or more of patients, included redness, pain, small bumps, and itching. These side effects occurred at the patch application site.
 - You should tell your doctor if any side effects bother you or do not go away.
- These are not all the side effects of Qutenza[®]. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

PLEASE SEE ACCOMPANYING FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION.

Reference: 1. Qutenza[®] Prescribing Information.