

Which Drug Patches Can Be Cut?

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Can the patch be cut?		
Medication	Cut?	Other Information
fentanyl (Duragesic)	No	gel
norelgestromin/ethinyl estradiol (Ortho Evra)	No	
estradiol (Estraderm)	No	reservoir
estradiol (Vivelle)	No	matrix
testosterone (Androderm)	No	gel
nitroglycerin (Nitro Dur)	No	drug layered not reservoir but do not cut
scopolamine (Transderm Scop)	No	
estradiol (Climara)	Yes	matrix-no trials
clonidine (Catapres TTS)	Yes	drug layered not reservoir
lidocaine (Lidoderm)	Yes	cut to size prior to removal of release liner
menthol 1.4% (Bengay)	Yes	cut to size
menthol 5% (Icy Hot)	Yes	cut to size
capsaicin 0.09% (TheraPatch)	Yes	cut to size
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