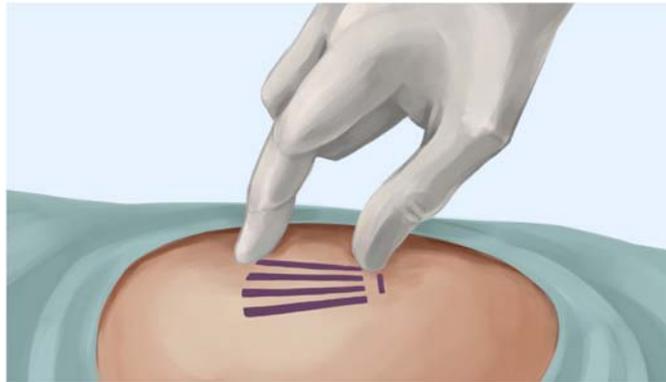


PROBUPHINE® (buprenorphine HCl) Implant CIII
Subdermal Use Only

Probuphine REMS PROGRAM PATIENT COUNSELING TOOL

What is Probuphine?

- Probuphine is an implant medication used for maintenance treatment of opioid dependence.
- Four implants are inserted into your upper arm by your doctor .
- The implants remain in your arm for six months.
- After the six-month period, your doctor will remove the implants.
- Probuphine should be used as part of a complete treatment plan to include counseling and psychosocial support.



What Patients Need to Know

- The implants will be placed under the skin of your arm during a procedure done in your physician's office or Opioid Treatment Program (OTP).
- All implants must be removed at the end of six months.
- The implants can be removed sooner if you want to stop treatment.



What Are the Risks Relating to the Insertion and Removal Procedure?

- There are risks associated with the improper insertion and removal of Probuphine, including:
 - An implant may come out by itself, or an end of an implant may begin sticking out of the skin.
 - Injury to nerves or blood vessels in your arm.
 - Implants may be difficult to locate if they were inserted too deeply, or if you manipulate them, or if you have gained significant weight since insertion.
 - Special procedures or a referral to a specialist may be needed to remove the implants if they are difficult to locate.
- There are common risks associated with any minor surgical procedure, such as:
 - Itching, pain, irritation or redness, swelling, bleeding, or bruising at the insertion site.
 - Scarring around the insertion site.
 - Infection at the site of the insertion or removal.
- Appropriate wound care is important to reduce the risk of complications associated with the insertion of Probuphine, including:
 - Applying an ice pack to your arm for 40 minutes every two hours for the first 24 hours and as needed.
 - Applying a small amount of topical antibiotic ointment after the adhesive bandage is removed.
- Call your healthcare professional right away if you experience any of the following:
 - The implant comes out or the end of the implant starts sticking out of the skin.
 - You have excessive or worsening itching, pain, irritation or redness, swelling, bleeding, bruising, numbness, or scarring at the insertion site.
- Improper removal carries the risk of implant-site infection and premature removal may induce opioid withdrawal symptoms.
- If your current healthcare provider is unavailable for any reason to remove the implants, you can call 1-844-859-6341 for help.

What Other Serious Risks Are Associated with Probuphine?

- Probuphine implants contain the opioid buprenorphine hydrochloride, which may cause physical dependence.
- There are risks of accidental overdose, misuse and abuse associated with the use of Probuphine.
- Do not try to remove Probuphine implants yourself.
- If the Probuphine implants protrude or come out, you should:
 - Wash your hands if you have touched the Probuphine implants.
 - Cover the area where the implants were inserted with a clean bandage.

- Not allow others to touch or use the Probuphine implants, since this could be very dangerous.
- Put the implants in a plastic bag and take the implants to your doctor right away.
- Keep the implants away from others, especially children.

Call your doctor right away if you think you may be having any of these side effects.