The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program

FDA notified healthcare professionals and patients that certain transdermal patches (medicated patches applied to the skin), containing aluminum or other metals in the backing of the patches, can overheat during an MRI scan and cause skin burns in the immediate area of the patch. FDA is in the process of reviewing the labeling and composition of all medicated patches to ensure that those made with materials containing metal provide a warning about the risk of burns to patients who wear the patches during an MRI scan. Until this review is complete, FDA recommends that healthcare professionals referring patients to have an MRI scan identify those patients who are wearing a patch before the patients have the MRI scan. The healthcare professional should advise these patients about the procedures for removing and disposing of the patch before the MRI scan, and replacing the patch after the MRI scan. MRI facilities should follow published safe practice recommend! ations concerning patients who are wearing patches.

Read the MedWatch safety summary, including a link to the FDA Public Health Advisory, at:

http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/safety09.htm#Transdermal

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