What the APO-go Pen looks like

The APO-go Pen is a disposable, multiple dose Pen injector system with a clear glass cartridge containing the apomorphine solution for injection. The solution is clear, practically colourless, odourless and free from visible particles.

A Dosage dial
B Numbers indicating the dose per injection (1–10mg)
C Graduations (in mg) on the cartridge showing total amount of apomorphine in the Pen
D Outer sleeve of Pen
E Needle
F Membrane
G Needle protector
H Needle in sealed unit containing needle, needle protector and protective cone

Do not use the APO-go Pen if:
- The solution has turned green
- The solution is cloudy or you can see particles in it

Set up and storage

The following images show the APO-go Pen being set up in preparation for taking a dose. Your doctor and/or nurse will already have discussed what dosage you need, i.e. what number you need to select on the dial and how often you may need to use the Pen. The appropriate dose for you will have been determined on your visit to the specialist clinic.

When you start using a new APO-go Pen, it can be used for up to 48 hours. Do not re-use your APO-go Pen after this time. Use a new Pen. Do not use APO-go Pen after the expiry date stated on the carton and label. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25°C. Keep the container in the outer carton to protect from light.

Any questions or concerns, please call the APO-go Technical Helpline 0844 880 1327

Attaching the needle

Please ensure you have washed and dried your hands before handling the APO-go Pen.

1 Take the Pen out of its box and remove the outer sleeve
2 Peel off the paper from the needle cone
3 Screw the needle clockwise onto the end of the Pen until it is tight. It is important to bring the needle to the Pen in a straight line as shown in the picture. This will attach the needle securely. If the needle is attached at an angle, this may cause the Pen to leak
4 Remove the plastic covering from the needle. Do not remove the needle protector at this stage
Selecting the correct dose

5. Press the red capped dosage dial and whilst holding it down, turn the dial clockwise until the arrow points to the dose your doctor chose for you. If you pass your prescribed dose while turning the dial, just continue pressing and turning in the same direction until the arrow points to the dose your doctor chose or you.

6. The dose is now set and you do not need to redial when you take your next dose.

7. Once you have set the dose, gently pull out the red capped dosage dial as far as it will go.

Injecting

8. Insert all of the needle into the skin as shown by your doctor or nurse. Hold the Pen firmly without applying pressure on the skin.

9. To inject, press the red capped dial down as far as it will go, using your thumb if possible. Count to three before withdrawing the needle.

10. Replace the plastic covering on the needle. Once secure, turn the needle anti-clockwise to unscrew it. Keep the needle in its protective covering and discard it in a safe place, such as a ‘Sharps’ bin. Finally, put the outer sleeve of the pen back on.

Preparing for the next dose

Remove the outer sleeve of the Pen and check there is enough apomorphine left in the cartridge for your next dose. If there is, put a new needle in place and follow the instructions in the same way as before.

If there is not enough apomorphine left in the cartridge, you will need to prepare a new Pen.

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24 hours a day, 365 days a year

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Adverse events should also be reported to Medical Information on 0870 851 0207 or dso@britannia-pharm.com