# Package leaflet: Information for the patient

# wegovy FlexTouch 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg, 1.7 mg and 2.4 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen semaglutide

This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. See the end of section 4 for how to report side effects.

# Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

# What is in this leaflet

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- 3. How to use we govy
- 4. Possible side effects
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# 1. What we govy is and what it is used for

# What wegovy is

wegovy is a medicine for weight loss and weight maintenance that contains the active substance semaglutide. It is similar to a natural hormone called glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) that is released from the intestine after a meal. wegovy works by acting on receptors in the brain that control your appetite, causing you to feel fuller and less hungry and experience less craving for food. This will help you eat less food and reduce your body weight. wegovy should be used with a reduced calorie meal plan and increased physical activity.

# What we ovy is used for

we govy is used for weight loss and weight maintenance in addition to diet and physical activity in adults, who have:

- a BMI of 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> or greater (with obesity) or
- a BMI of 27 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and less than 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (overweight) and weight-related health problems.

BMI (Body Mass Index) is a measure of your weight in relation to your height.

# 2. What you need to know before you use wegovy

**Do not use wegovy** if you are allergic to semaglutide or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

# Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before using we govy or during treatment if you have:

# • Effects on the digestive system

During treatment with wegovy, you may feel sick (nausea) or be sick (vomiting), or have diarrhoea. These side effects can cause dehydration (loss of fluids). It is important that you drink enough fluids to prevent dehydration. This is especially important if you have kidney problems. Talk to your doctor if you have any questions or concerns.

# • Inflammation of the pancreas

If you have severe and on-going pain in the stomach area see a doctor straight away as this could be a sign of inflamed pancreas (acute pancreatitis).

# • Diabetes

wegovy must not be used as a substitute for insulin.

# • Low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia)

Taking a sulfonylurea or an insulin with we govy might increase the risk of getting low blood sugar levels (hypoglycaemia). Please see section 4 for the warning signs of low blood sugar levels. Your doctor may ask you to test your blood sugar levels. This will help your doctor decide if the dose of the sulfonylurea or insulin needs to be changed to reduce the risk of low blood sugar.

# • Diabetic eye disease (retinopathy)

Fast improvements in blood sugar control may lead to a temporary worsening of diabetic eye disease. If you have diabetic eye disease and experience eye problems while taking this medicine, talk to your doctor.

# Children and adolescents

This medicine is not recommended in children and adolescents under 18 years as there is no information on use in children below this age.

# Other medicines and wegovy

Tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines.

# Pregnancy and breast-feeding

This medicine should not be used during pregnancy, as it is not known if it may affect your unborn child. Therefore, it is recommended to use contraception while using this medicine. If you wish to become pregnant, you should stop using this medicine at least two months in advance. If you become or are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby when using this medicine, talk to your doctor straight away, as your treatment will need to be stopped.

You should not use this medicine if you are breast-feeding, as it is unknown if it passes into breast milk.

# Driving and using machines

we govy is unlikely to affect your ability to drive and use machines. Some patients may feel dizzy when taking we govy mainly during the first 3 months of treatment (see section 4). If you feel dizzy you should not drive or operate machines until you feel better. If you need any further information, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

**For diabetics using** this medicine in combination with a sulfonylurea or insulin, low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) may occur which may reduce your ability to concentrate. Do not drive or use machines if you get any signs of low blood sugar. See section 2, 'Warning and precautions' for information on increased risk of low blood sugar and section 4 for the warning signs of low blood sugar. Talk to your doctor for further information.

# Sodium content

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, i.e. essentially 'sodium-free'.

# 3. How to use wegovy

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you are not sure.

# How much to use

The recommended dose is 2.4 mg once weekly.

Your treatment will start at a low dose which will be gradually increased over 16 weeks of treatment as follows:

- When you first start using we govy, the starting dose is 0.25 mg once weekly.
- Your doctor will instruct you to gradually increase your dose every 4 weeks until you reach the recommended dose of 2.4 mg once weekly.
- Once you reach the recommended dose of 2.4 mg, do not increase this dose further.

You will be told to follow the table below.

Dose escalation	Weekly dose
Week 1–4	0.25 mg
Week 5–8	0.5 mg
Week 9–12	1 mg
Week 13–16	1.7 mg
From week 17	2.4 mg

Your doctor will assess your treatment on a regular basis.

# How wegovy is given

we govy is given as an injection under the skin (subcutaneous injection). Do not inject it into a vein or muscle.

- The best places to give the injection are the upper arms, stomach or upper legs.
- Before you use the pen for the first time, ask your doctor or nurse how to use it.

Detailed instructions for use are on the other side of this leaflet.

# **People with diabetes**

Tell your doctor if you have diabetes. Your doctor may adjust the dose of your diabetes medicines to prevent you from getting low blood sugar.

- Do not mix we govy up with other medicines that you inject (e.g. insulins).
- Do not use we govy in combination with other medicines that contain GLP-1 receptor agonists (such as liraglutide, dulaglutide, exenatide or lixisenatide).

# When to use wegovy

- You should use this medicine once a week and if possible, on the same day each week.
- You can give yourself the injection at any time of the day regardless of meals.

If necessary, you can change the day of your weekly injection of this medicine as long as it has been at least 3 days since your last injection. After selecting a new dosing day, continue with once a week dosing.

# If you use more wegovy than you should

Talk to your doctor straight away. You may get side effects such as feeling sick (nausea).

# If you forget to use wegovy

If you forgot to inject a dose and:

• it is 5 days or less since you should have used we govy, use it as soon as you remember. Then inject your next dose as usual on your scheduled day.

• it is more than 5 days since you should have used we govy, skip the missed dose. Then inject your next dose as usual on your next scheduled day. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

# If you stop using wegovy

Do not stop using this medicine without talking to your doctor.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

# 4. **Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

# Serious side effects

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

• Complications of diabetic eye disease (diabetic retinopathy). If you have diabetes you should inform your doctor if you experience eye problems, such as changes in vision, during treatment with this medicine.

**Uncommon:** may affect up to 1 in 100 people

• Inflamed pancreas (acute pancreatitis). Signs of inflamed pancreas may include severe and longlasting pain in your stomach, the pain may move to your back. You should see your doctor **immediately** if you experience such symptoms.

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people

• Severe allergic reactions (anaphylactic reactions, angioedema). <u>You should seek immediate</u> <u>medical help</u> and inform your doctor straight away if you get symptoms such as breathing problems, swelling of face, lips, tongue, and/or throat with difficulty swallowing, wheezing, fast heartbeat, pale and cold skin, feeling dizzy or weak.

# Other side effects

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- headache
- feeling sick (nausea)
- being sick (vomiting)
- diarrhoea
- constipation
- stomach pain
- feeling weak or tired.

These usually go away over time.

**Common:** may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- feeling dizzy
- upset stomach or indigestion
- burping
- gas (flatulence)
- bloating of the stomach
- inflamed stomach ('gastritis') the signs include stomach ache, feeling sick (nausea) or being sick (vomiting)
- reflux or heartburn also called 'gastro-oesophageal reflux disease'
- gallstones
- hair loss
- injection site reactions
- low blood sugar (hypoglycaemia) in patients with diabetes.

The warning signs of low blood sugar may come on suddenly. They can include: cold sweat, cool pale skin, headache, fast heartbeat, feeling sick (nausea) or very hungry, changes in vision, feeling sleepy or weak, feeling nervous, anxious or confused, difficulty concentrating or shaking.

Your doctor will tell you how to treat low blood sugar and what to do if you notice these warning signs.

Low blood sugar is more likely to happen if you also take a sulfonylurea or insulin. Your doctor may reduce your dose of these medicines before you start using this medicine.

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- fast heartbeat
- increase of pancreatic enzymes (such as lipase and amylase) shown in blood tests.

# **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

# 5. How to store wegovy

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the pen label and carton after 'EXP'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not freeze wegovy and do not use it if it has been frozen.

Keep the pen cap on in order to protect from light.

# **Before opening:**

Store in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C). Keep away from the cooling element.

# **During use:**

You can keep the pen for 6 weeks when stored at a temperature below  $30^{\circ}$ C or in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C) away from cooling element.

Do not use this medicine if you notice that the solution is not clear and colourless.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

# 6. Contents of the pack and other information

# What we govy contains

- The active substance is semaglutide.
- The other ingredients are disodium phosphate dihydrate, propylene glycol, phenol, sodium hydroxide/hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment), water for injection.

# wegovy 0.25 mg FlexTouch solution for injection

One mL of solution contains 0.68 mg of semaglutide. One pre-filled pen contains 1.0 mg semaglutide in 1.5 mL solution

wegovy 0.5 mg FlexTouch solution for injection

One mL of solution contains 1.34 mg of semaglutide. One pre-filled pen contains 2.0 mg semaglutide in 1.5 mL solution

wegovy 1 mg FlexTouch solution for injection

One mL of solution contains 1.34 mg of semaglutide. One pre-filled pen contains 4.0 mg semaglutide in 3 mL solution

# wegovy 1.7 mg FlexTouch solution for injection

One mL of solution contains 2.27 mg of semaglutide. One pre-filled pen contains 6.8 mg semaglutide in 3 mL solution

# wegovy 2.4 mg FlexTouch solution for injection

One mL of solution contains 3.2 mg of semaglutide. One pre-filled pen contains 9.6mg of semaglutide in 3 mL solution.

#### What we govy looks like and contents of the pack

wegovy is a clear and colourless solution for injection in a pre-filled disposable pen.

Each FlexTouch pen contains four doses. The pack size of each strength of wegovy contains 1 prefilled pen and 4 disposable NovoFine Plus needles.

Your pen is designed to be used with NovoFine Plus, NovoFine or NovoTwist disposable needles up to a length of 8 mm

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# Instructions on how to use wegovy FlexTouch

Before you begin using your once-weekly wegovy FlexTouch pen, always read these instructions carefully, and talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist about how to inject wegovy correctly. wegovy FlexTouch pen is a dial-a-dose pen that contains four of your prescribed doses of wegovy, to be used once a week for 4 weeks.

Please use the table inside the lid of the carton to keep track of how many injections you have taken and how many doses remain in your pen.

we govy FlexTouch comes in five different strengths, each containing one of the following prescribed doses of semaglutide:

0.25 mg 0.5 mg 1 mg 1.7 mg 2.4 mg

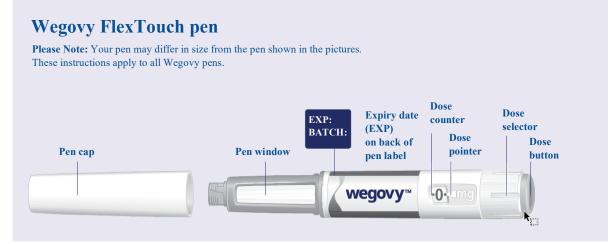
# Always start by checking your pen label to make sure that it contains your prescribed dose of wegovy.

Your pen is designed to be used with NovoFine Plus, NovoFine or NovoTwist disposable needles up to a length of 8 mm. **The pack contains:** 

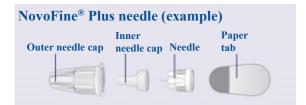
- wegovy FlexTouch pen
- 4 NovoFine Plus needles
- Leaflet

# wegovy FlexTouch pen (example)

Please note: Your pen may differ in size from the pen shown in the pictures.

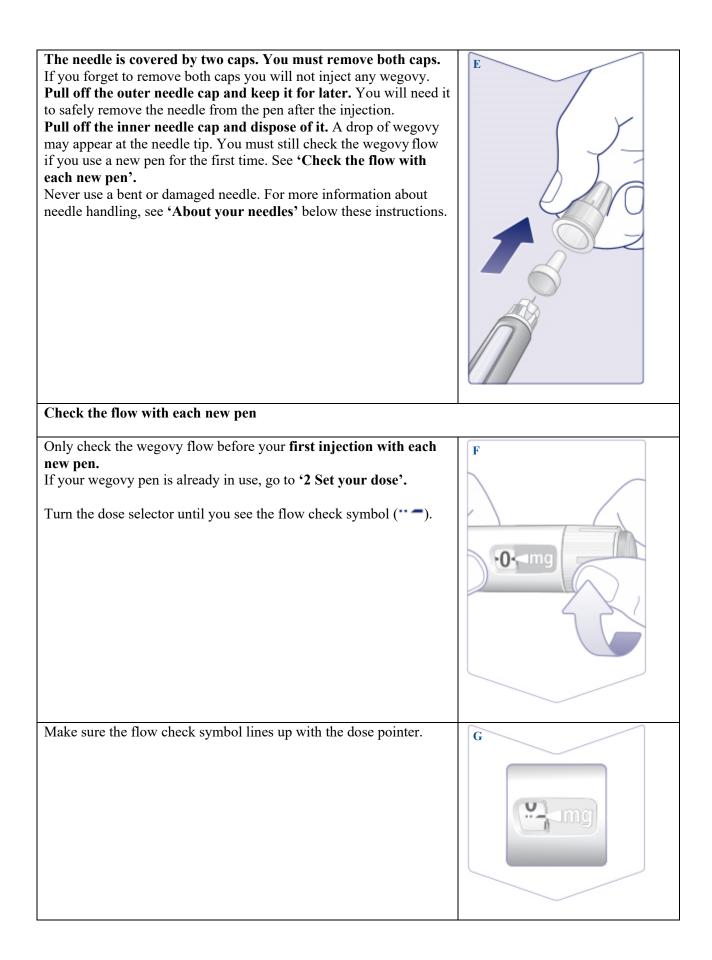


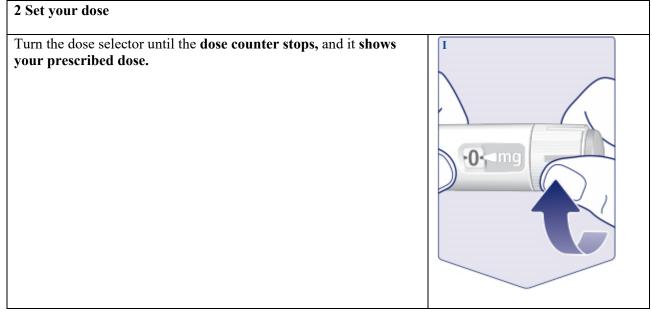
# NovoFine Plus needle (example)

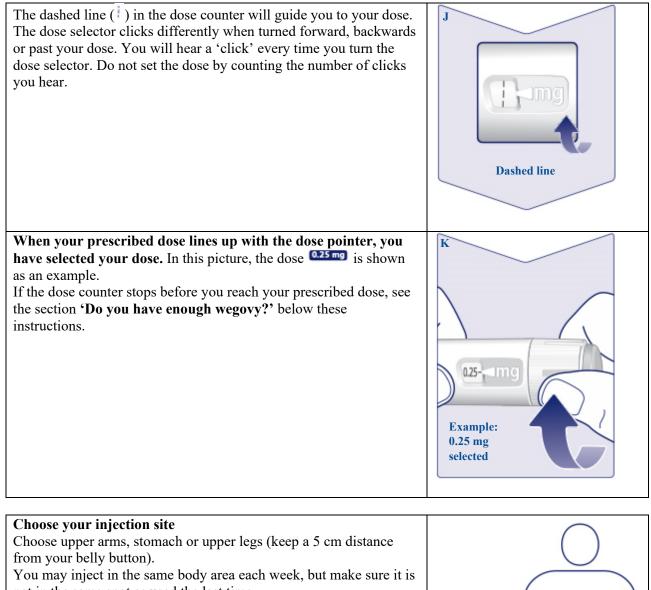


# 1 Prepare your pen with a new needle

Check the name and dose of your pen to make sure it contains your prescribed dose of wegovy. Pull off the pen cap.	
Check that the wegovy in your pen is clear and colourless. Look through the pen window. If wegovy looks cloudy or coloured, do not use the pen.	B
<ul> <li>Always use a new needle for each injection.</li> <li>Take a needle when you are ready to take your injection. Check the paper tab and the outer needle cap for damages. If you see any damage, this could affect sterility. Dispose of it and use a new needle.</li> <li>Tear off the paper tab.</li> </ul>	C
Push the needle straight onto the pen. Turn until it is on tight.	D





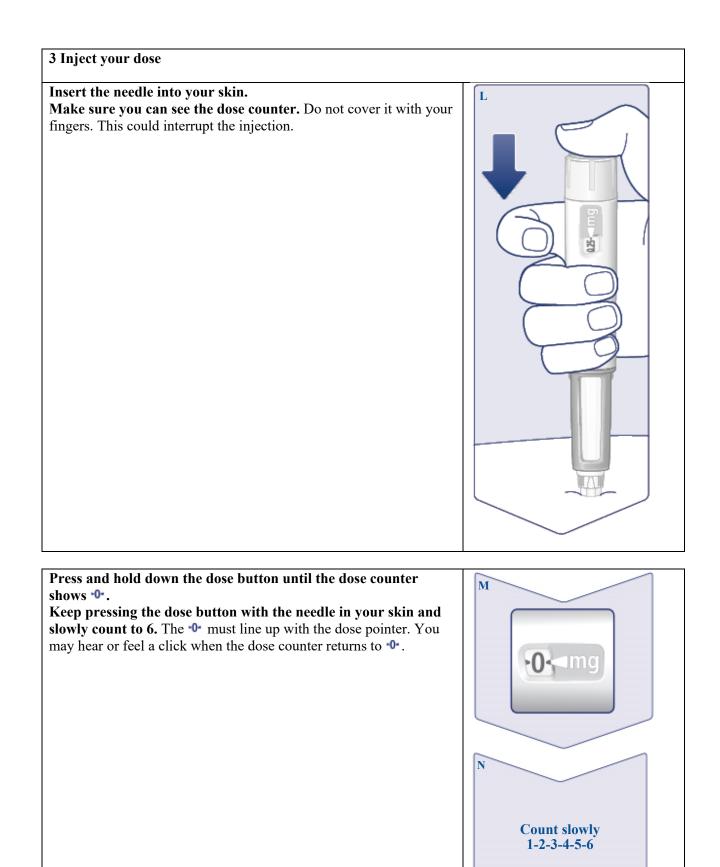


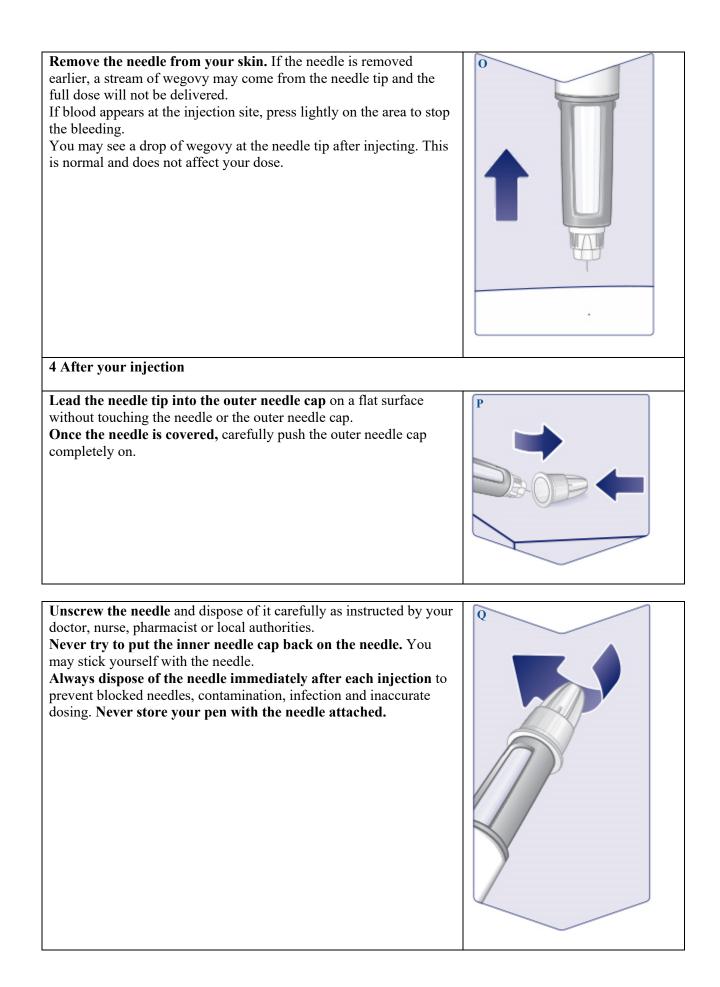
**Upper arms** 

Stomach

Upper legs

not in the same spot as used the last time.





Put the pen cap on your pen after each use to protect wegovy from light.	
When the pen is empty, dispose of the pen without a needle on as instructed by your doctor, nurse, pharmacist or local authorities. The pen cap and the empty carton can be disposed of in your household waste.	
About your needles	
<ul> <li>Needles are medical devices.</li> <li>How to identify a blocked or damaged needle</li> <li>If •0• does not appear in the dose counter after continuously pressing the dose button, you may have used a blocked or damaged needle.</li> <li>In this case, you have not received any wegovy – even though the dose counter has moved from the original dose that you have set.</li> <li>How to handle a blocked needle</li> <li>Change the needle as instructed in '1 Prepare your pen with a new needle' and go to '2 Set your dose'.</li> </ul>	

# Caring for your pen

Treat your pen with care. Rough handling or misuse may cause inaccurate dosing. If this happens, you might not get the intended effect of wegovy.

- See the back of this leaflet to read the storage conditions for your pen.
- Do not inject we govy that has been exposed to direct sunlight.
- **Do not subject wegovy to frost and never inject wegovy that has been frozen.** Dispose of the pen.
- **Do not drop your pen** or knock it against hard surfaces.
- **Do not try to refill your pen.** Once empty, it must be disposed of.
- **Do not try to repair your pen** or pull it apart.
- Do not expose your pen to dust, dirt or liquid.
- **Do not wash, soak or lubricate your pen.** If necessary, clean it with a mild detergent on a moistened cloth.

Do you have enough wegovy?		
If the dose counter stops before you reach your prescribed dose, there is not enough wegovy left for a full dose. Dispose of the pen and use a new wegovy FlexTouch pen.	j (i   < mg	
<b>M</b> Important information		
• Only inject one dose of wegovy once weekly. If you do not take your wegovy as prescribed, you may		
not get the intended effect of this medicine.		
• If you take more than one type of injectable medicine, it is very <b>important to check the name and</b> dose of your pen label before use.		
<ul> <li>Do not use this pen without help if you have poor eyesight and cannot follow these instructions.</li> </ul>		
Get help from a person with good eyesight who is trained to use the wegovy FlexTouch pen.		
• Always keep pen and needles out of sight and reach of others, especially children.		
• Never share your pen or your needles with other people.		
• Needles are for single use only. Never reuse your needles as it may lead to blocked needles,		
contamination, infection and inaccurate dosing.		
• <u>Caregivers must be very careful when handling used needles to prevent accidental needle stick</u>		
injuries and infection.		