|USED FOR| • Relapsing-remitting forms of multiple sclerosis (MS)
• Glatiramer acetate will not cure MS. It may prevent and reduce the number of flare-ups. |
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|HOW IT IS SUPPLIED| • Glatiramer acetate comes in a single-dose prefilled syringe with an auto-injector
• Both Copaxone and Glatopa (a generic version of Copaxone) come in 20mg and 40mg syringes |
|DOSE| • There are two dosing options for taking Glatiramer acetate. You and your MS doctor can talk about which routine works best for you.
• 20 mg injected under the skin daily (once every 24 hours)
• 40 mg injected under the skin three times weekly (separated by at least 48 hours or you can choose to inject on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) |
|HOW IT IS GIVEN| • Glatiramer acetate is injected into fatty area just under the skin in the areas shown to the right.
• Rotate injection sites to avoid skin reactions. |
### STORAGE AND HANDLING
- When not used, glatiramer acetate should be stored in the refrigerator.
- If refrigeration is not possible, glatiramer acetate may be stored protected from light up to 30°C (86°F) for up to 30 days.
- Safely dispose of used syringes in a sharps container.

### DRUG INTERACTIONS
- There are no known drug interactions with glatiramer acetate.

### COMMON SIDE EFFECTS
- Injection site skin reactions may occur (redness, pain, swelling, itching, lumps) and permanent skin indentations are irreversible.
- Rarely, an immediate post-injection reaction may happen, but resolve quickly within 15 minutes.
  ⇒ May include flushing, chest pain, heart palpitations, anxiety, and trouble breathing.

### MONITORING
- You should always check your skin for changes at the injection site.
- Monitor for any chest pain, difficulty breathing, or flushing.
- Blood work is not required for glatiramer acetate.

### MORE INFORMATION
- Websites: [www.copaxone.com](http://www.copaxone.com), [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org)
- Clinical Trials: