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**JOURNAL OF EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION (ENA)  
FINDS GEBAUER'S PAIN EASE® TO BE AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF  
REDUCING PEDIATRIC PROCEDURAL PAIN IN  
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS**

Cleveland, Ohio – Gebauer Company, a 110-year-old medical device manufacturer and marketer of topical anesthetic skin refrigerants (vapocoolants), today announced that one of its products, Gebauer's Pain Ease®, was referenced in an article that appeared in the Journal of Emergency Nursing, the publication of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), July 2009, Volume 35, Number 4. Denise Ramponi, MSN, CRNP, CEN, DNP-S, CRNP/PA, Supervisor, Emergency Departments, Heritage Valley Health System, Beaver and Sewickly, PA, referenced Pain Ease in an article titled "Reducing Pain in Pediatric Procedures in the Emergency Department".

Gebauer's Pain Ease is cited as an effective method to reduce pain of intravenous line placement by "providing transient anesthesia within seconds of application via evaporation induced skin cooling."<sup>1</sup> In addition to intravenous line starts, Ramponi stated that Pain Ease controls the pain of needlestick procedures such as venipunctures, digital blocks, injections prior to incision and drainage procedures, tetanus immunizations, and application to minor open wounds and intact oral mucous membranes.

**Important Risk and Safety Information for Gebauer's Pain Ease:** Published clinical trial results support the use in children three years of age and older. Do not use on large areas of damaged skin, puncture wounds, animal bites or serious wounds. Do not spray in eyes. Overspraying may cause frostbite. Freezing may alter skin pigmentation. Use caution when using product on diabetics or persons with poor circulation. Apply only to intact oral mucous membranes. Do not use on genital mucous membranes. The thawing process may be painful and freezing may lower resistance to infection and delay healing. If skin irritation develops, discontinue use. Rx only.

Ramponi's paper stated that pain reduction methods are underutilized in children in emergency settings. This undertreatment occurs despite a variety of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic methods to reduce the pain of minor pediatric procedures performed in the emergency department, and evidence that pediatric patients may experience long-term negative effects due to undertreated pain.

Ramponi called on clinicians to recognize and treat pain in pediatric patients and to close the gap between knowledge of proven pain reduction techniques and their utilization to make "ouchless" emergency departments a reality. Improving Pediatric Procedural Pain Management in

the Emergency Department Settings has also become a major resolution for ENA. A Resolution on this topic, authored by Denise Ramponi and Rhonda Morgan, RN, MSN, CEN, CNRN, CCNS, APN, DNP-S, Director of Patient Care Services, Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, TN, was presented and enthusiastically approved by the General Assembly at the ENA Annual Conference, held October 8-10 in Baltimore, Maryland.

“The corporate philosophy of Gebauer Company strongly supports a concerted effort to proactively manage the pain in numerous emergency department procedures. Our product fits very well into the flow of patient care in this setting because it works immediately and is appropriate for many common ED procedures. Pain Ease is a legitimate and highly useful pain management modality for emergency clinicians,” stated Margaret R. Giltinan, Gebauer CEO and Board Chairman.

The Gebauer Company manufactures topical anesthetic skin refrigerants used for controlling pain associated with injections, venipuncture, minor surgical procedures, muscle spasms, sprains and strains. In addition to Pain Ease, core products include Gebauer’s Ethyl Chloride<sup>®</sup> and Gebauer’s Spray and Stretch<sup>®</sup>.

The Company has been located in the city of Cleveland, Ohio for 110 years, and moved to a new 58,000 square foot corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility in June of 2004. The facility includes several production suites, analytical and development laboratories, and distribution center. Gebauer Company is certified to ISO 9001, ISO 13485 and is FDA GMP compliant.

For a complete copy of the paper, click here, or go to [www.GebauersPainEase.com](http://www.GebauersPainEase.com). From there go to “Resources”, then “Clinical Research”. For more information regarding Gebauer Company and its products, visit the web sites [www.GebauersPainEase.com](http://www.GebauersPainEase.com) and [www.gebauer.com](http://www.gebauer.com)

1 Denise Ramponi, MSN, CRNP, CEN, DNP-S; Reducing Pain in Pediatric Procedures in the Emergency Department, Journal of Emergency Nursing, July 2009, Volume 35, Number 4.

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