Why use Gebauer’s Ethyl Chloride® prior to joint injections and podiatric procedures?

A vapocoolant spray such as ethyl chloride...provides several seconds of local anesthetic effect that blocks the pain associated with needle injections.”

Why not.

• Gebauer’s Ethyl Chloride topical anesthetic skin refrigerant is “The most trusted name in skin refrigerants” from the company with over 100 years of history in effective patient comfort solutions.

• An effective, fast, and easy way to temporarily control the pain associated with needle and minor surgical procedures.

• Gebauer Company products are the only topical anesthetic skin refrigerants FDA approved for pre-injection anesthesia and minor surgical procedures.

• Anxiety or fear of the pain associated with a procedure can interfere with patient satisfaction. Utilizing Ethyl Chloride prior to painful procedures lessens patient fear and anxiety, resulting in fewer cancelled appointments and confirms patient comfort, a standard of healthcare today.

“Ethyl Chloride can be recommended as a method of producing instant skin anaesthesia.”

“We found that pain was significantly reduced with the use of the vapocoolant spray...”

Important Risk and Safety Information for Gebauer’s Ethyl Chloride:

• Published clinical trial results support the use in children three years of age and older.

• Ethyl Chloride is FLAMMABLE and should never be used in the presence of an open flame or electrical cautery equipment.

• Inhalation should be avoided as it may produce narcotic and general anesthetic effects, and may produce deep anesthesia or fatal coma or cardiac arrest.

• Do not spray in eyes.

• Over spraying may cause frostbite.

• Freezing may alter skin pigmentation.

• The thawing process may be painful and freezing may lower resistance to infection and delay healing.

• Cutaneous sensitization may occur, but appears to be extremely rare.

• Long term exposure may cause liver or kidney damage.

• Rx only.

Please refer to the product insert for prescribing information.
Gebauer’s Ethyl Chloride is the suggested application preference for temporarily controlling the pain of:

**Needle Procedures:**
- Orthopedic joint injections
- Podiatric blocks
- Immunizations
- IV starts
- Venipuncture
- Pre-lidocaine injections

**Minor surgical procedures:**
- Ingrown toenails
- Incision and drainage of small abscesses
- Lancing boils

**Manipulative medicine:**
- Trigger point therapy
- Minor sports injuries like bruises, contusions, swelling, and sprains

**How does Gebauer’s Ethyl Chloride work?**

Mechanism of Action: Ethyl Chloride creates an instantaneous significant temperature drop on the skin surface, working through rapid evaporation to produce a temporary anesthetic effect.

Ethyl Chloride’s vapocoolant effect rapidly decreases nerve conduction velocity of the C fibers and A-delta fibers that make up the peripheral nervous system, thus interrupting the nociceptive inputs to the spinal cord. The result: procedural pain reduction.

Gebauer’s Ethyl Chloride®
Topical Anesthetic Skin Refrigerant

Gebauer’s Ethyl Chloride is available in 3.5 fl. oz. familiar brown glass bottles and aerosol cans at less than one-dollar per application

Fine Stream Spray
Glass Bottle
P/N 0386-0001-04

Medium Stream Spray
Glass Bottle
P/N 0386-0001-03

Medium Stream Spray
Aerosol Can
P/N 0386-0001-06

Mist Spray Aerosol Can
P/N 0386-0001-02

Topical anesthetic skin refrigerant clinical efficacy.

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A risk-benefit assessment of topical percutaneous local anaesthetics in children.

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Vapocoolant spray is equally effective as EMLA cream in reducing immunization pain in school-aged children.
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Use of ethyl chloride topical anesthetic to reduce procedural pain in pediatric oncology patients.

The FDA has determined that each of the Gebauer family of skin refrigerants is substantially equivalent (SE) to each other in terms of efficacy. Therefore, these clinical references and abstracts are relevant to all Gebauer skin refrigerants.