



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I switch from ethyl chloride to InstaNumb?

Ethyl chloride is known to be toxic, extremely flammable, and carries inhalation precautions for patients and practitioners. It is listed as “...a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer” and on restricted lists in other states as well. InstaNumb is a safer and more economical alternative to ethyl chloride. It is non-flammable, non-HAZMAT, non-toxic, and does not carry inhalation precautions. It is a clinical and therapeutic equivalent to ethyl chloride and cleared by the FDA with more indications for use. In addition to use on intact skin, it can be used on open wounds and intact oral mucous membranes.

Ethyl chloride is listed as “extremely flammable”. What precautions should be taken? Does InstaNumb carry these same usage concerns?

Ethyl chloride should not be used around or in conjunction with cautery, ultrasound, or laser equipment. InstaNumb is non-flammable and is safe to use in these areas where ethyl chloride presents hazards.

How do I store and dispose of ethyl chloride vs. InstaNumb?

Ethyl chloride should be stored in a safety cabinet according to toxicity and flammability protocols. Ethyl chloride should be disposed of with hazardous waste. InstaNumb contains no hazardous materials and may be stored and disposed of as a normal aerosol.

How is ethyl chloride shipped and is there a HAZMAT fee vs. InstaNumb?

Ethyl chloride must be shipped as HAZMAT, requires a Department of Transportation HAZMAT fee, and is shipped separately from routine purchased items. InstaNumb is shipped under normal conditions.

What are the differences between InstaNumb and Pain Ease®?

They have the same ingredients and overall design. InstaNumb differs by offering a 115 mL canister that sprays at any angle, along with a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

What are the clinical differences between ethyl chloride, Pain Ease and InstaNumb?

These products are clinical and therapeutic equivalents. The dosage, administration, onset of effect, and duration of effect are the same.

Ethyl chloride and Pain Ease come in a variety of spray patterns. Which InstaNumb should I switch to?

InstaNumb Mist serves the needs of practitioners who treat with ‘mist’ sprays. InstaNumb Medium Stream replaces ‘stream’ products.

What product should be used by practitioners who currently treat with ‘fine stream’?

Practitioners can easily switch to the lower-cost Medium Stream with no change in technique and with minimal concern.

How many applications can I expect from an InstaNumb canister?

A 115 mL Medium Stream or Mist canister provides approximately 55 applications (at an average of 5 seconds spray time) per container. InstaNumb is also available in a 35 mL Medium Stream or Mist canister.

How does InstaNumb compare to over-the-counter (OTC) cold sprays?

OTC cold sprays are intended to cool and relieve pain associated with sports injuries such as bruises, muscle aches, and strains. They are for surface use only and should not be used on broken skin. They are butane-based products, making them extremely flammable. In contrast, InstaNumb is an FDA-approved topical anesthetic spray that can be used on broken skin, minor wounds, and intact mucous membranes. InstaNumb undergoes USP <61> and USP <62> testing to ensure it is clean (aseptic). It can be used after an antiseptic wipe and will not increase pathogen levels at the procedure site. It is non-flammable and non-toxic.

When do I apply InstaNumb during a procedure?

Apply the spray as the last step before performing a procedure. Follow local protocol for cleaning the site with an antiseptic, have all equipment ready for the procedure, and then apply spray before performing the procedure.

How long do I need to spray InstaNumb on the procedure site to achieve numbness?

InstaNumb should be sprayed on the procedure site at a distance of 3 to 7 inches for approximately 4 to 10 seconds. Average spray times are usually 5 to 7 seconds. If during the spray time the skin turns white or blanches, stop spraying.

How long does the numbing effect last?

The anesthetic effect lasts approximately one minute.

Can InstaNumb be reapplied to the same procedure site?

If a procedure takes longer than anticipated, reapply as necessary.

What should I do if the aerosol canister stops spraying?

If aerosol can stops spraying due to low volume, rotate the nozzle approximately 1/2 turn. Then, point the spray nozzle at the treatment area and press firmly.

How do I order or find out more information about InstaNumb?

InstaNumb is carried by your normal Medical-Surgical distributors and Pharmacy Drug wholesalers. When ordering, search for the item numbers or InstaNumb. Products are also listed under Beutlich® Pharmaceuticals.

Item Number	Product SKU Description
0283-1707-44	InstaNumb – Medium Stream – 115 mL
0283-1706-44	InstaNumb – Mist Spray – 115 mL
0283-1708-44	InstaNumb – Medium Stream – 35 mL
0283-1709-44	InstaNumb – Mist Spray – 35 mL