

METHOXYFLURANE (*Penthrane*) (C)

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TYPE: Volatile inhalation anaesthetic and analgesic agent [S4]

PRESENTATION: 3ml bottle

ACTION: Central nervous system depressant
Onset: 3 – 5 mins. Offset: 3 – 5 mins.

USE: **ICP** For relief of pain of all origins

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ADVERSE EFFECTS:

1. Altered consciousness
2. Renal dysfunction (rare with once only ambulance use)
3. Jaundice (rare with once only ambulance use)
4. Uterine atonia

CONTRA-INDICATIONS:

1. Depressed level of consciousness
2. Known hypersensitivity
3. Malignant hyperthermia

PRECAUTIONS:

1. Renal disease
2. Diabetes
3. Tetracycline or barbiturate use
4. Caution if patient unable to self-administer
5. Use in the post-delivery phase of labour, and with post-partum haemorrhage (may induce uterine atonia)

DOSE:

ADULT and PAEDIATRIC:

ICP Up to 3ml – self administered via Pentrox inhaler.
Repeat once if required.
Dose should not exceed 6ml/day or 15ml/week.
(If used during labour, discontinue use post-delivery, and if PPH is suspected)

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