#### **Consumer information leaflet**

Please read this leaflet carefully, because it contains important instructions for the use of this product. Please consult your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

# Consumer Information Leaflet Medogesic ® Active ingredient: Chloroethane (also known as Ethyl Chloride)

#### Composition

Active ingredient: 100 ml of solution contain: Chloroethane 100 ml - without propellant

#### Dosage form and contents

Aerosol cans containing 100 ml of solution available as a Fine Spray (General usage) or Direct Stream (Targeted application)

#### Local anaesthetic

#### Indications

For local refrigeration anaesthesia (freezing). Sports injuries (strains, contusions), sprains, minor surgery (e.g. wart removal), pulp vitality test, piercing, tick removal, chiropody (foot care, pedicure), muscle cramps, cryotherapy in case of swelling, muscle pain, tenosynovitis (tennis elbow), articular ligament pain.

#### Contraindications

Who should not use Medogesic? Persons who are allergic to chloroethane. Do not spray chloroethane on open wounds and mucous membranes.

## Precautions to be taken and warnings

What precautions must be taken? Do not use as a general anaesthetic. Do not use near an open flame. For topical use only. Take care to avoid breathing in chloroethane when used in the area of the head and neck.

What precautions should be taken in traffic and when operating machinery or working in a precarious position? When used as directed no effects on drivers or persons operating machinery are to be expected.

If chloroethane is inhaled, the ability to react may be altered to such an extent that the patient's ability to participate actively in traffic or to operate machinery may be impaired.

You will then be unable to react sufficiently rapidly and purposefully to sudden unexpected events. Do not drive a car or any other vehicle. Do not operate electrical tools or machinery. Do not work in a precarious position. Bear especially in mind that alcohol impairs your ability to operate a vehicle even more.

## Dosage instructions, mode and duration of application

The following instructions apply for the use of Medogesic unless otherwise prescribed by your doctor. Please observe the instructions for use, as otherwise Medogesic cannot be properly effective.

How and when should you use Medogesic? Spray briefly on the parts of the body requiring treatment from a distance of approx. 30 cm.

How long should you use Medogesic? The ice spray should only be used until a thin snowy film forms and no longer.

## Faulty application and overdosage

What is to be done when Medogesic has been used in excessive quantities

(intentional or unintentional overdosage)? In case of overdosage with chloroethane frostbite may occur.

Symptoms of intoxication due to inspiration of chloroethane are the preanaesthesia hangover syndrome, intoxication, unconsciousness, and central respiratory and circulatory paralysis. Antidotes in addition to the standard measures for intoxication are to assist pulmonary excretion of the toxin by forcing expiration and giving Xylocaine as a prophylactic measure (ventricular fibrillation).

On no account should sympathomimetic agents be given, due to the danger of ventricular fibrillation. No alcohol, milk or castor oil.

## Side effects

What side effects can occur when using Medogesic? Allergic skin changes.

No other side effects are known as yet when chloroethane is used as directed. If chloroethane is sprayed on for too long, frostbite of the skin may occur.

Please inform your doctor or pharmacist if you experience side effects which are not listed in this leaflet.

#### Instructions and information on storage and stability

The expiry date of this pack is printed on the outer packaging and on the container. Do not use this pack after the expiry date.

How should Medogesic be stored? Store in a cool place but do not store in the refrigerator. Keep out of reach of children! Reclose the Spray bottle carefully after use. Do not dispose of container unless it is completely empty.

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