**TYPE**
Inhaled analgesic

**ACTION**
Central nervous system depressant

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**USE**
Mild or moderate/severe pain where fentanyl/morphine is unable to be administered

**ADVERSE EFFECTS**
- ↓ LOC
- Renal damage in high doses

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**
- Malignant hyperthermia
- Untreated renal failure
- ↓ LOC – V,P or U
- Concurrent tetracycline use (eg doxycycline)
- Acutely behaviourally disturbed patients
- Pre-eclampsia or eclampsia
- Patients <1 year old

**PREPARATION**
3mL amber bottle sealed, with external inhaler

**DOSE**

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**PAIN MANAGEMENT**

3mL inhaled via inhaler
May be repeated once if indications persist
Maximum dose: 6mL (daily), 15mL (weekly)
Do not put any more than 3mL in inhaler at any time as this increases risk of droplet inhalation.

3mL will remain active in the inhaler for about 30 minutes.

Methoxyflurane is not contraindicated in renal dialysis patients or patients with renal colic.

Oxygen should not be used in conjunction with the inhaler.

Methoxyflurane can only be administered twice in any one shift per paramedic. Only 3ml of methoxyflurane can be administered at any one time in the back of the ambulance.