

# Anbesol<sup>®</sup> Maximum Strength Gel

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## **Drug Facts**

### **Active ingredient**

Benzocaine 20% ..... Oral anesthetic

### **Purpose**

### **Uses**

- temporarily relieves pain associated with the following mouth and gum irritations:
  - toothache
  - sore gums
  - canker sores
  - braces
  - minor dental procedures
  - dentures

### **Warnings**

**METHEMOGLOBINEMIA WARNING:** Use of this product may cause methemoglobinemia, a serious condition that must be treated promptly because it reduces the amount of oxygen carried in blood. This can occur even if you have used this product before. Stop use and seek immediate medical attention if you or a child in your care develops:

- pale, gray, or blue colored skin (cyanosis)
- headache
- rapid heart rate
- shortness of breath
- dizziness or lightheadedness
- fatigue or lack of energy

**Allergy alert:** Do not use this product if you have a history of allergy to local anesthetics such as procaine, butacaine, benzocaine, or other "caine" anesthetics

### **Do not use**

- for teething
- in children under age 2

### **When using this product**

- avoid contact with the eyes
- do not exceed recommended dosage
- do not use for more than 7 days unless directed by a doctor/dentist

### **Stop use and ask a doctor if**

- sore mouth symptoms do not improve in 7 days
- irritation, pain, or redness persists or worsens
- swelling, rash, or fever develops

**Keep out of reach of children.** If more than used for pain is accidentally swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.

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## **Directions**

- to open tube, cut tip of the tube on score mark with scissors
- adults and children 2 years of age and older: apply a pea-size amount to the affected area up to 4 times daily or as directed by a doctor/dentist
- children under 12 years of age: adult supervision should be given in the use of this product
- children under 2 years of age: do not use
- for denture irritation:
  - apply thin layer to the affected area
  - do not reinsert dental work until irritation/pain is relieved
  - rinse mouth well before reinserting

**Other information** store at 20-25°C (68-77°F). Do not refrigerate.

**Inactive ingredients** benzyl alcohol, carbomer 934P, D&C yellow no. 10, FD&C blue no. 1, FD&C red no. 40, glycerin, methylparaben, natural flavor, polyethylene glycol, polysorbate 80, propylene glycol, saccharin

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