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*First line therapy*

**For short-term temporary pain management (Optional)**

- **LOCAL ANESTHETIC**  
  10% OR 20% TOPICAL BENZOCAINE  
  Up to four pea-size applications  

**For extended temporary pain management (Optional)**

- **LOCAL ANESTHETIC**  
  LONG-ACTING LOCAL ANESTHETIC  
  One time only  

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**Potential for severe liver damage**

**Constipation**

**Dizziness**

**Drowsiness**

**Nausea and vomiting**

**Needle**

**Numbness**

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