

Dear Valued Customer,

RE: BENEFITS OF REGIONAL ANESTHESIA FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS

B. Braun Medical is continuously trying to anticipate and meet the needs of healthcare systems and providers who are delivering care during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are following available clinical information as we work to ensure all of our critical products are available.

In the operating room or other procedural rooms, surgical teams must take heightened precautions and tailor anesthetic practices to individual patients, in order to minimize exposure of healthcare workers and patients to the virus. The benefits of regional anesthesia cannot be emphasized enough, especially in COVID-19 patients. Regional anesthesia has the benefits of preserving respiratory function, minimizing or eliminating aerosolization, and shortening recovery time, hence minimizing the potential for viral transmission.

The table below contains B. Braun’s regional anesthesia products. Full product information can be found in the B. Braun Pain Control Products Catalog on the B. Braun USA website, or by contacting Medical Affairs at 1-800-845-6851 or medinfo.us@bbraunusa.com. Thank you for continuing to put your trust in the leader in regional anesthesia.

Spinal Anesthesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spinal Needles (Spinocan® with a Quincke Bevel and Pencan° with a Pencil Point Bevel) • Full Trays and Support Trays • Accessories
Peripheral Nerve Blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Shot (Stimuplex® and Ultraplex®) Block Needles • Continuous Nerve Block Sets • Full Trays and Support Trays • Monitoring Accessories
Clorotekal® 1% (Chloroprocaine HCl Injection, USP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here for full prescribing information

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