

## ANESTHESIOLOGY REFLECTIONS

### A Tin of Borate-Menthol-Cocaine Dragées by Dalloz



With directions in French and in Spanish to target markets in Western Europe and in Latin America, the Parisian firm of Dalloz certainly produced an elegant tin for its local-anesthetic-laden sore throat remedy. Directions on the tin prompted the user that in order “to open, press the two sides.” The dent near the hinge may reflect a past owner’s eagerness for this habit-forming remedy for “affections of the mouth or throat.” Indeed, these so-called BMC dragées contained a proprietary blend of Borate and Menthol with Cocaine. (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image also appears in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at [www.anesthesiology.org](http://www.anesthesiology.org).)

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