

Chloroform

Chloroform is a colourless, volatile, liquid derivative of trichloromethane with an ether-like odour. Formerly used as an inhaled anaesthetics during surgery, the primary use of chloroform today is in industry, where it is used as a solvent and in the production of the refrigerant freon. Acute chloroform toxicity results in impaired liver function, cardiac arrhythmia, nausea and central nervous system dysfunction. As a by-product of [water](#) chlorination, chloroform may be present in small amounts in chlorinated [water](#). (NCI04)