Bisacodyl 10mg Suppositories

Read this leaflet carefully before you start using Bisacodyl Suppositories.

1. What Bisacodyl Suppositories are and what they are used for.

Bisacodyl belongs to a group of medicines called laxatives. A laxative is a medicine which is used for the treatment of constipation.

Bisacodyl Suppositories act as a stimulant laxative for short-term treatment of constipation and for emptying the bowels before surgery or investigational testing procedures.

Bisacodyl Suppositories do not help with weight loss.

2. Before you use Bisacodyl Suppositories.

Do not use Bisacodyl Suppositories if:

- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to bisacodyl or any of the other ingredients of Bisacodyl Suppositories, listed in section 6 of this leaflet.
- you have severe abdominal pain with nausea and vomiting.
- you have severe dehydration.
- you have serious abdominal condition called ‘ileus’ (in the small intestine).
- you have serious abdominal condition such as appendicitis.
- you have blocked bowel (intestinal obstruction).
- you have inflammation of the bowel (small or large intestine).
- you have cracking of the skin around your back passage (an anal fissure).
- you have inflammation or ulcers around your back passage (ulcerative proctitis).

3. How to use Bisacodyl Suppositories.

Always use Bisacodyl Suppositories exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

To remove a suppository, tear one from the strip along the perforations, then peel the plastic from it by grasping the two halves of the wrapping at the tip of the suppository and pulling them gently apart.

Bisacodyl Suppositories should not be swallowed.

Short-term treatment for constipation

Adults (including the elderly) and children over 10 years.

Insert one suppository into the rectum (back passage) as directed by your doctor.

For preparation of investigational testing procedures and before surgery:

Should only be used under medical supervision.

Adults and children over 10 years

You will normally be given Bisacodyl coated tablets and suppositories by your doctor or hospital prior to you having an investigation procedure or surgery. The usual dose is 2 coated tablets in the morning and 2 coated tablets in the evening and 1 suppository into the rectum (back passage) on the following morning, or as directed by your doctor.

4. Possible side-effects.

Like all medicines Bisacodyl Suppositories can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. These include:

- Abdominal cramps or pain
- Abdominal discomfort
- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting
- Dehydration
- Colitis
- Nausea
- Abdominal cramps or pain
- Abdominal discomfort

If any of the side effects get serious or you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. Storing Bisacodyl Suppositories.

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use Bisacodyl Suppositories after the expiry date printed on the carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in a dry place below 25°C and protected from direct light.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Further information.

What Bisacodyl Suppositories contain

The active substance is 10 milligrams (mg) of Bisacodyl BP.

The other ingredients are Witepsol H15.

What Bisacodyl Suppositories look like and contents of the pack

The suppositories are sealed in a plastic strip within a cardboard carton in packs of 12 or 150 suppositories.

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