





**ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE**

**BISACODYL**

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<b>Presentation</b>	Tablet: 5mg (enteric coated) Suppository: 10mg
<b>Dose</b>	<b><u>Constipation</u></b> <b>Oral:</b> 5 – 15mg at night (onset of action 6-12 hours) <b>Rectal:</b> 10mg suppository once daily when required (onset of action 15-60 minutes)
<b>Administration</b>	<b><u>Oral</u></b> Swallow tablets whole
<b>Pregnancy</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester:</b> Consider alternative <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester:</b> Consider alternative <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester:</b> Consider alternative
<b>Breastfeeding</b>	Safe to use
<b>Clinical guidelines and Policies</b>	KEMH Clinical Guideline: O&G: <a href="#">Bowel Care</a>
<b>References</b>	Australian Medicines Handbook. Bisacodyl. In: Australian Medicines Handbook [Internet]. Adelaide (South Australia): Australian Medicines Handbook; 2018 [cited 2018 July 03]. Available from: <a href="https://amhonline.amh.net.au/">https://amhonline.amh.net.au/</a>  MIMS Australia. Bisacodyl. In: MIMS Online [Internet]. St Leonards (New South Wales): MIMS Australia; 2018 [cited 2018 July 03]. Available from: <a href="https://www.mimsonline.com.au">https://www.mimsonline.com.au</a>  The Royal Women's Hospital. Bisacodyl. In: Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Medicines Guide [Internet]. Parkville (Victoria): The Royal Women's Hospital; 2018 [cited 2018 July 03]. Available from: <a href="https://thewomenspbmg.org.au/">https://thewomenspbmg.org.au/</a>

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