

Duralax[®]

Bisacodyl BP

Description

Bisacodyl (Duralax[®]) is a diphenolic compound. Its chemical structure is similar to that of phenolphthalein. It is widely used as a laxative.

Mode of action

Bisacodyl acts on the colon to stimulate peristalsis and on the small bowel and colon to increase intraluminal water and electrolytes. When applied to the caecum, Duralax initiates a response in the entire colon.

Composition

Duralax[®] Tablet: Each enteric-coated tablet contains Bisacodyl BP 5 mg.

Indications

- a. Treatment of constipation.
- b. Preparation for radiographic or endoscopic examination of the colon.

Dosage & administration

Constipation: Adult, 5-10 mg at night; occasionally necessary to increase to 15-20 mg; Child under 10 years, 5 mg. Before radiological procedures and surgery, 10 mg orally at bed-time for 2 days before examination; Child; half of the adult dose.

Contraindications

Ileus, intestinal obstruction, acute surgical abdominal conditions such as acute appendicitis, and acute inflammatory bowel diseases, severe dehydration.

Side effects

Bisacodyl is free of side effects if taken in the recommended doses. Overuse of bisacodyl may result in diarrhoea and malabsorption. Bisacodyl overuse might be expected to deplete potassium.

Use in pregnancy & lactation

Bisacodyl like other medicines, should not be used during pregnancy especially the first trimester. In breast-feeding women bisacodyl should be cautiously used.

Precautions

Excessive use of bisacodyl may lead to fluid and electrolyte imbalance. Chronic use can cause dependence.

Storage

Store in a cool and dry place, protected from light.

Packaging

Duralax[®] Tablet: Each carton contains 20X10 tablets in blister pack.



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