



**ADULT MEDICATION GUIDELINE**

**Bisacodyl**

<b>Scope (Staff):</b>	All WNHS Staff
<b>Scope (Area):</b>	Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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**Medication Class**

Stimulant laxative

**Presentation**

**Enteric coated tablet:** 5mg

**Suppository:** 10mg

**Storage**

Store at room temperature, below 25°C.

**Dose**

**Constipation**

**Oral:**

5 – 15mg at night. (Onset of action 6-12 hours)

**Rectal:**

10mg suppository once daily when required. (Onset of action 15-60 minutes)

**Administration**

**Oral**

Swallow tablets whole. Do not crush or chew. Best taken on an empty stomach. Do not take antacids within one hour due to gastric or duodenal irritation.

## Pregnancy

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Trimester:</b>	Considered safe to use (occasional dosing); Consider alternative (high dose and prolonged use)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester:</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester:</b>	

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## Breastfeeding

Safe to use

## Related Policies, Procedures & Guidelines

### WNHS Clinical Practice Guidelines:

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