

Northamptonshire guidelines for assessment and management of constipation in adults

- These guidelines have been superseded by NICE Clinical Knowledge Summary on constipation <http://cks.nice.org.uk/constipation> which considers management of acute and chronic constipation in adults
- Due to the recent price rise in senna tablets the Northamptonshire formulary choice of stimulant laxative is bisacodyl 5-10mg daily
- For treatment of constipation in palliative care where use of opioid analgesics may be a contributory cause please see <http://cks.nice.org.uk/palliative-cancer-care-constipation#!topicsummary>