

Patient Group Direction

Administration of Senna Tablets / Syrup

By Registered Nurses employed by South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare
Foundation NHS Trust

**This Patient Group Direction for use in South Staffordshire & Shropshire
Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust and is authorised by:**

Position of Signatory	Name	Signed	Date
Medical Director	Dr Abid Khan		
Chief Pharmacist	Cathy Riley		
Director of Nursing	Alison Bussey		
Director of Quality & Clinical Performance	Therèsa Moyes		

**The named below, being employees of
South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
are authorised to administer Senna, to patients in In-Patient care,
under this Patient Group Direction**

Name	Job Title	Signed	Date

**This Patient Group Direction is operational from April 2017. Review
date: Feb 2019. Expires on 30th April 2019**

This PGD replaces 1015

Professional Responsibility

All registered nurses and non medical prescribers being employees of South Staffordshire & Shropshire HealthCare NHS Foundation Trust are authorised to administer Senna, as specified under this Patient Group direction, in an in-patient setting, following demonstration of the competencies below:

Professional Responsibility / Competencies

1. The registered nurse will have undertaken appropriate training to carry out clinical assessment of patient that requires treatment according to the indications listed in the PGD
2. All nurses will have received training in the management and treatment of anaphylactic shock on an annual basis
3. Each nurse will keep a record in their professional portfolio of the updates attended during every 12 month period – This information will also form part of the team's annual training plan
4. The nurse will have due regard for the NMC Code of Conduct, Scope of Professional Practice and Standards for Medicines Management (Nursing & Midwifery Council)
5. Undertaken appropriate training and possess the competencies for working under PGDs for the supply and administration of medicines
6. All registered nurses details and signature must be entered on the PGD
7. Following administration a record of the date, and dose of the medicine should be recorded in the clients records, and within the As Required section of the medicine card, with PGD Number being inserted in place of prescriber's instructions

For full product information, always refer to the latest SPC (Summary of Product Characteristics).

If the anaphylaxis is related to a medication, please remember to report to the CSM, via a Yellow Card Report (<http://emc.medicines.org.uk>)

Supply/Administration of	Senna Tablets / Syrup (Total sennosides, calculated as sennoside B, 7.5mg or 7.5mg/5ml)
Legal Classification	GSL
Black Triangle?	No
Type	Tablets / Syrup
Storage	Locked cupboard
Condition to be treated	Constipation
Inclusion Criteria	Adults and children aged 12 years and over, with constipation
Exclusion Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under 12 years • Intestinal obstruction
Action if excluded or patient declines	Contact Duty Doctor or consider alternative therapies
Reasons for seeking further advice from doctor	If no response, see Duty Doctor
Administration Route	Oral
Dose	2 tablets / 10 mls
Administration Schedule	At night, as required. Max dose in 24 hours, 2 tablets/ 10 mls Total dose to be administered using PGD- 3 x 2 tablets or 3 x 10mls on one medication card
Warnings/Adverse Reactions	Abdominal cramp For full details see Summary of Product Characteristics
Advice/Management of Adverse Reactions & Follow-up Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise patient of diet and exercise alternatives, and ensure that there are no misconceptions about constipation • Ensure follow up arrangements for further care as appropriate • Ensure administration is recorded in patients

	notes
Use in pregnancy and lactation	<u>Pregnancy</u> -third-line (after bulk-forming and osmotic) <u>Lactation</u> - not known to be harmful
Records	The following should be recorded in the patient's notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of preparation • Dose given • Route of administration • Date and time given • Signature of person administering the medicine • Reason for administration <u>and</u> the administration also recorded in the medicine card/electronic prescribing & medicines administration record, with the PGD Number recorded as authorisation.