

INSTRUCTIONS: All questions have only one correct answer

1. The definition of chronic constipation includes:

1. Less than 5 BMs per week
2. Less than 4 BMs per week
3. Less than 3 BMs per week
4. Less than 2 BMs per week

2. All of the following metabolic conditions may cause constipation, except:

1. Hypothyroidism
2. Hypercalcemia
3. Hyponatremia
4. Uremia

3. The laxative *senna* has all of the following features, except:

1. Frequently causes abdominal gas
2. Is available at health food stores as a “natural” product
3. Requires transformation in gut to active drug
4. Stimulates dorsal root ganglion to increase gut motility

4. Docusate is in what class of laxative?

1. Detergent
2. Osmotic
3. Pro-Kinetic
4. Stimulant

5. Opioid-induced constipation is caused by all the following except

1. Decreased bowel fluid secretion
2. Decreased tone of bowel musculature
3. Opioid binding to gut and central nervous system opioid receptors
4. Increase in non-propulsive activity

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