

# THE BASICS OF BISACODYL



## HOW DOES IT WORK? HOW WILL IT HELP ME?



Activates intestines to cause a bowel movement



Treats or prevents constipation by emptying the bowels

## WHEN WILL IT WORK?



**TABLETS**

⌚ May take 6-12 hours to produce a bowel movement



**SUPPOSITORIES**

⌚ Starts working between 15 minutes to an hour



**ENEMA**

⌚ Starts working in 5-20 minutes

## COMMON SIDE EFFECTS?



**DIARRHEA**



**CRAMPING**

## SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS? CALL THE HOSPICE NURSE



- Rectal bleeding
- Significant abdominal cramping
- No bowel movement 24 hours after taking medication