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you need to take laxatives every day or if abdominal pain persists.

If you take more Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult than you should Stop taking the medicine, consult your doctor and take this leaflet with you. It may be harmful to take too much of this

medicine or take it for too long. This is

- because it may lead to: A 'lazy bowel', where the muscle in the bowel becomes too relaxed. This means that bowel emptying happens less often. This can lead to long-term constipation.
- Imbalance of fluids and salts in the body. This can affect the tightness of muscles such as those in the bowel. It can also affect the salts in the blood.
- Low levels of potassium in the blood (called 'hypokalaemia'). This can make you tired, dizzy, make your muscles weak and cause uneven heartbeat.
- Dehydration, making you thirsty, feel faint and giving you headaches. It can also mean you cannot pass enough urine.

## If you forget to take Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult

If you miss a dose, take your next dose at the usual time. Do not take two doses at the same time to make up for a missed dose. If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

## 4. Possible side effects

- Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. If any of the following or other side effects occur, stop taking this product and consult your doctor or pharmacist:
- the product may produce abdominal pain spasms and diarrhoea, in particular in patients with irritable colon. These symptoms may also occur as a result of

individual overdose. chronic use may lead to albuminuria and haematuria which is albumin or blood in the

chronic use may cause piamentation of the aastrointestinal tract which usually recedes when the product is no longer taken yellow or red-brown discolouration of urine may occur during the treatment, but is harmless

allergic reactions such as local or more widespread skin rash, hives (skin bumps) or itchiness around the anus. If other adverse reactions not mentioned above occur, a doctor or a qualified

## healthcare practitioner should be consulted Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or healthcare practitioner. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at:

www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### 5. How to store this medicine Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton after 'EXP'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. Do not store above 25°C.

Store in the original package. Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

### 6.Contents of the pack and other information What is in this medicine

The active substance is Alexandrian Senna fruit (pods) (Cassia senna L. (C. acutifolia Delile) fruit). Each tablet contains 7.5 mg hydroxyanthracene glycosides, calculated as Sennoside B.

The other ingredients are magnesium stearate, fennel seed, croscarmellose sodium, calcium hydrogen phosphate dihydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, and colloidal anhydrous silica.

### What this medicine looks like and contents of the pack

Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult are an uncoated biconvex greenish tablet

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available in blister packs of 20.

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February 2024. If you would like any further information about this medicine, please contact The Boots Company PLC Nottingham NG2 3AA.

## Other formats To request a copy of this leaflet in Braille, large print or audio please call free of

0800 198 5000 (UK only) Please be ready to give the following Product name: Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets

Reference number: PL 44893/0031 This is a service provided by the Royal National Institute of Blind People.

## PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER



Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult (Senna Pods)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it
- Ašk your pharmacist if you need more
- information or advice. If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor
- or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 3 days.

## What is in this leaflet

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### 1.What Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult are and what they are used for

Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult contain Senna which work as a stimulant laxative for the short-term relief of occasional constipation.

Constipation is a fairly common and uncomfortable complaint. It usually involves difficult or irregular bowel movements. accompanied by hard, dry motions which can be painful to pass.

## Laxatives do not help with weight loss.

What is constipation? Normal and regular bowel movement is important for most people. However, what is Adult: "normal and regular" varies from person to person. Some may have a bowel movement every day, others less often. Whatever it is like for you, it is best that your bowel movement has a regular pattern. Constipation is an occasional problem for

some people. For others, it may happen more often. It happens when the normal muscle actions in the bowel (large intestine) slow down. This can mean that material is not easily eliminated from the body. The cause of constipation is often not

- known. It can be associated with:
- Sudden change of diet A diet with not enough fibre
- Not drinking enough fluids Loss of 'tone' of the bowel muscles in older
- people Pregnancy
- !• Medicines such as morphine or codeine
- Having to stay in bed for a long time Lack of exercise

Whatever the cause, constipation can be uncomfortable. It may make you feel bloated and heavy or generally "off colour" Sometimes it causes headaches. It is recommended to use changes in diet and bulk forming medicines to control constipation before using this medicine.

- These healthy tips are recommended to try to prevent constipation happening:
  Eat a balanced diet including fresh fruit and veaetables
- Drink enough water so that you do not become dehydrated • Keep up your exercise and stay fit
- Make time to empty your bowels when your body tells you.

## 2.What you need to know before you take this ➤Do not take Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets

- If you are allergic to Senna or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in Section 6)
- If you have blockage or narrowing of the gastro-intestinal tract or bowel (ileus, intestinal obstruction or stenosis)
- If you have paralysis or lack of muscle tone in the bowel (atony) If you have appendicitis
- If you have inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis If you have abdominal pain of unknown
- If you have severe dehydration If you are pregnant or breast-feeding
  If you are under 18 years of age.
- If you have faecal impaction or rectal bleeding for which you don't know the cause, or blood in your stools. If you are not sure whether any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or

## Does this help with weight loss? Stimulant laxatives (including Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult) do not help with

weight loss. They do not reduce the absorption of calories or nutrients. They can cause watery stools (diarrhoea), abdominal cramps and dehydration. Dehydration can seem like weight loss. Overuse of laxatives may damage your health by:

Causing disturbances of electrolyte and mineral balances. Sodium, potassium, magnesium, and phosphorus are electrolytes and minerals that are present in very specific amounts necessary for proper functioning of the nerves and muscles,

including those of the colon and heart.

### Upsetting this delicate balance can cause incorrect functioning of these vital organs. Severe dehydration may cause tremors, weakness, blurry vision, fainting, kidney damage, and, in extreme cases, death. Dehydration often requires medical

treatment Overuse of laxatives can cause the colon to stop reacting to usual doses of laxatives so that larger and larger amounts of laxatives may be needed to produce bowel

movements Laxative dependency occurs from overuse

Warnings and precautions Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or healthcare practitioner before taking this medicine:

- If you suffer from kidney disorder • If you are taking medicines for a heart condition (e.g. cardiac glycosides, antiarrhythmic medicines e.g. quinidine), medicines inducing QT prolongation, diuretics, adrenocorticosteroids or liquorice root preparations
- If you have faecal impaction or rectal bleeding for which you don't know the cause, or blood in stools and undiagnosed, acute or persistent aastro-intestinal complaints e.g. abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting
- If you already need to take laxatives every day. The cause of the constipation should be investigated. Long term use of laxatives should be avoided.

If you are unsure about interactions with any medicines, talk to your pharmacist. This includes medicines prescribed by your doctor and medicine you have bought yourself, including herbal and homeopathic remedies. When administering this product to

contact with faeces.

## Children and adolescents

Should not be used in children or adolescents under the age of 18 years.

## Other medicines and Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

# Pregnancy and breast-feeding

You should not use Boots Senna 7.5mg Tablets Adult if you are pregnant or breast-feeding because there is no evidence that it is safe to do so.

## 3. How to take this medicine

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist have told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure. New users should start with the lowest dose and increase it to the maximum if necessary. Once regularity has been regained dosage should be reduced and stopped.

# For oral use

bedtime when required. Swallow tablets whole with water Use in children and adolescents This medicine should not be used by children !

## under 18 years of age. Do not take more than the leaflet tells you. Overuse can be harmful.

Duration of use Not to be used for more than one week. Usually it is sufficient to take this medicine up to two to three times a week.

## Consult your doctor, pharmacist or healthcare practitioner if: the symptoms worsen or persist during the

use of the medicinal product incontinent adults, pads should be changed • there is no bowel movement within 3 days of more frequently to prevent extended skin\_\_ \_ use \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_