

# DRUG CARD

**Bisacodyl**

**Dulcolax**

**Generic Name**

**Trade Name**

**Pharmacologic Class:** • Stimulant laxatives

**Therapeutic Class:** • Laxatives

**Action:** Stimulates enteric nerves to cause peristalsis which leads to fluid accumulation in the colon

**Indication:** Treatment of constipation, bowel regimen

Reason Given (Disease States): \_\_\_\_\_

## Nursing Process

Pre-Administration Assessment:

Post Administration Evaluation:

Nursing Considerations:

- May lead to hypokalemia
- May cause abdominal pain and cramps
- Not for use within 1 hour of taking milk product
- Assess for abdominal distention and bowel function
- Instruct patient to drink 1500-2000 mL/day during therapy
- Monitor fluid and electrolyte levels
- Instruct patient to take as ordered

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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