

What your doctor needs to know

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Check the box next to any symptoms you've been experiencing.

Record how many times a week you have experienced this symptom and for how long.

<input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal Pain <i>I have experienced this symptom _____ times a week for _____.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal bloating <i>I have experienced this symptom _____ times a week for _____.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal discomfort <i>I have experienced this symptom _____ times a week for _____.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty passing stools <i>I have experienced this symptom _____ times a week for _____.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Straining <i>I have experienced this symptom _____ times a week for _____.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hard or lumpy stools <i>I have experienced this symptom _____ times a week for _____.</i>

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What your doctor needs to know (cont.)

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I usually have about this many bowel movements a week:

1 2 3 4 5+

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Your history

Now, think about the different ways you may have tried to treat your chronic constipation. During your appointment, it might help to go into additional detail about your experiences.

Check the options that apply.

I take fiber

I take laxatives

I exercise regularly

I drink water regularly

I'm taking an opioid medicine

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How does your condition affect your life?

Describe your experiences below to help your doctor get a clear understanding of how chronic constipation is affecting your life.

My symptoms

(Example: The constipation keeps me up at night)

Work/School

(Example: Missed two days of work because of my constipation or pain in my belly)

Home/Family

(Example: Abdominal discomfort or belly pain kept me home Tuesday; missed son's soccer game)

Social/Life

(Example: Skipped dinner out on Thursday because of constipation)

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Questions you may want to ask your doctor

What causes Chronic Idiopathic Constipation, IBS with Constipation, or Opioid-Induced Constipation in adults with chronic pain not caused by active cancer?

Can I take AMITIZA with other medications?

Is AMITIZA right for me?

What else can I do to manage my condition?
(e.g., lifestyle/diet changes, fiber supplements)

What can I expect from my treatment?

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More questions for your doctor

Even though chronic constipation is common, the symptoms can be different for everyone. That's why it might be helpful for you to write down any personal questions you have about your condition here, so you remember to bring them up at your doctor appointment.

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The most common side effects of taking AMITIZA 24 mcg twice daily for CIC are nausea, diarrhea, headache, abdominal pain, abdominal distension, and gas. The most common side effects of taking AMITIZA 24 mcg twice daily for Opioid-Induced Constipation are nausea and diarrhea. The most common side effects of taking AMITIZA 8 mcg twice daily for IBS-C are nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal pain. These are not all the side effects associated with AMITIZA.

Tell your HCP if you are taking a diphenylheptane opioid (e.g., methadone).

AMITIZA has not been studied in pregnant women. Based on animal studies, AMITIZA may cause fetal harm. AMITIZA should only be used during pregnancy if the potential benefits justify the potential risk to the fetus. If you are pregnant or become pregnant while being treated with AMITIZA, talk to your HCP to evaluate the risks to the fetus. Tell your HCP if you are nursing and monitor infants for diarrhea.

Tell your HCP if you have liver problems.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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