

Docusate sodium

Essential medicine status

General description

Docusate sodium is a stool softening agent used in the management of constipation, including opioid-induced constipation.

INN

Docusate sodium

ATC codes

[A06AA02](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 2009 ([TRS 958](#)) for [Palliative care](#)

Wikipedia

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Recommendations

Section

Medicines for other common symptoms in palliative care

- Oral > Liquid: 50 mg per 5 mL; 12.5 mg per 5 mL
- Oral > Solid > capsule: 100 mg

Indications

[Palliative care](#)