

# BOWEL CARE PATHWAY

NAME: .....

NHS No:

Hospital No:

D.O.B: ..... Male ☐ Female ☐

STANDARD STATEMENT	VARIANCE FROM STANDARD STATEMENT AND REASON / COMMENTS/ ACTION TAKEN	Date	Initial
<b>VISIT 1</b>			
Bothersome rating this visit: _____			
<u>ONSET OF PROBLEM:</u> When ..... Relation to an event please state: ..... ..... .....			
If patient has any sign of undiagnosed bleeding, or black tarry stool and is not taking ferrous sulphate, stop pathway and refer to doctor immediately.			
Using obstruction checklist, observe patient for any signs of obstruction. If present, stop pathway and refer to doctor immediately.			
Patient drinks _____  Amount of fluid per day			
If patient drinks volumes outside parameters of fluid matrix, advise them to drink appropriate amount and complete bowel diary.			
If patient is taking medication from the list provided, consider review with doctor.			
Establish constipation using signs and symptoms chart and record findings.			
Report any abnormal changes in bowel habit - consider neurological assessment.			
If faecal incontinent, use flow chart.			

**PLEASE FILE IN INPATIENT SECTION OF PATIENT NOTES**

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Use fibre scoring chart to establish fibre levels. If 12 or less, given information sheet and advise on increasing fibre in diet.			
If patient unable or unwilling to comply, consider fibre supplements.			
Administer and record appropriate treatment in line with the Trust Bowel Care Policy.			

**If no reversible cause found and containment product required refer to District Nurse or Continence Team prior to discharge.**

## TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL STAFF USING THE PATHWAY

**SIGN THAT YOU HAVE MET ALL STANDARDS OR RECORDED VARIANCES FOR YOUR PART OF THE PATHWAY.**

**ON DISCHARGE, SIGN AND DATE**

FULL NAME	DESIGNATION	INITIALS	SIGN	DATE
DISCHARGE DATE:		SIGNATURE:		

Worcester - Continence Service, Isaac Maddox House, Shrub Hill Road, Worcester WR4 9RW  
Tele No: 01905 681601 Fax: 01905 681510

Those patients with a Warwickshire GP (ie Studley) please refer to:  
South Warwickshire Continence Service, Royal Leamington Spa Rehabilitation Hospital,  
Heathcote Lane, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV3 46SR - Tel: 01926 317743