Patient

Name:\_

#### Order Set Directions:

> (√)- Check orders to activate; Orders with pre-checked box ☑ will be followed unless lined out.
 > Initial each place in the pre-printed order set where changes such as additions, deletions or line outs have been made
 > Initial each page and Sign/Date/Time last page

Diagnosis: \_

Allergies with reaction type:\_

# **REHAB CONSTIPATION PROTOCOL**

- Goal is regular pattern with as few medications as possible
- This protocol is recognized as a "minimum intervention" for simple constipation
- Additional medications to be ordered if this is not sufficient

### **Nursing Orders**

- ☑ Encourage fluids Additional Instruction 2-2.5 liters every 24 hours
- Nutrisource Fiber
  Supplement Frequency: BID
  Number of Scoops: 2
  Additional Instructions: Orally

 $\square$  Establish time for elimination

- Consistent Time for Elimination
  - Following meals
  - Considering the person's premorbid function and timing
  - Use toilet or bed side commode whenever possible
  - Provide Privacy
  - Left side lying position if patient is unable to sit

# Medications

docusate sodium (COLACE)

☑ 100MG PO Daily, PRN constipation

bisacodyl (DULCOLAX)

☑ 10MG rectally Daily, PRN Constipation or no stool in 48 hours

polyethylene glycol 3350 17-gram oral powder packet (MIRALAX)

☑ 17 milligrams orally once a day IN 8 OZ (240 milliliters) OF WATER (HOLD for loose Stools)

### MILK OF MAGNESIA (MOM)

☑ 30 milliliters orally once a day as needed for constipation - (HOLD for loose stools - Not recommended with severe renal failure)



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