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Magic Bullet

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My physiatrist informed me of a new suppository that claimed to be the fastest available. The distributor, Medevus Inc. stated that, "The Magic Bullet? (TM) Works twice as fast as other laxative suppositories, which would minimize the cost and time involved with most bowel programs.

The Magic Bullet uses a water soluble (polyethel glycol) base that allows the active ingredient, bisacodyl, to disperse within minutes after insertion. Other laxative suppositories used an oil (hydrogenated vegetable oil) base which means that it must melt before the bisacodyl can stimulate the bowel.

A Clinical Trial published by the 1998 International Medical Society of Paraplegia, noted that bowel care has been a time consuming process that was detrimental to quality of life. Many people with spinal cord injuries ranked neurogenic bowel dysfunction as a major life limiting problem as some bowel care regimes last longer than three hours and still produce insufficient results. Bisacodyl, the active ingredient, can be administered using suppositories, enemas, mini enemas and solutions; however, most suppositories include ten milligrams of bisacodyl powder disbursed within a hydrogenated vegetable oil base (HVB). The subjects were all male and included four who sustained incomplete injuries, and ten who sustained complete injuries. They were fifty-three years old on average, and had been paralyzed for an average of eighteen years. Their level of injuries ranged from C3 to L1. They found comparative bowel care effectiveness for the amount of stool eliminated with the reduction in bowel care time by approximately half using the polyethel glycol base.

For a copy of the study, and for more information, you can contact Medevus Inc. at (877) 633-3982.

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