



Constipation and Diarrhea Symptom Spotlight Webinar: Questions & Answers

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1. When should treatment for bile acid malabsorption be considered?

Loperamide at a low threshold can be considered as a first line treatment if bile acid malabsorption is suspected. In cases where a patient has had surgery with the gastrointestinal tract altered, cholestyramine could be used for the bile acid malabsorption.

2. Please provide more information on immune therapy related diarrhea versus chemotherapy related diarrhea?

Please refer to Figure 2 in the [Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Management Clinical Practice Guideline](#) for more information on how to manage immune therapy related diarrhea.

[The Diarrhea Symptom Management Algorithm](#) provides information on the management of diarrhea for patients being treated with chemotherapy.