

Personal Daily Diary

Online Version

INTRODUCTION

Use this *Personal Daily Diary* for 2–4 weeks to help you get the most out of your next doctor visit.

For more information, please contact the International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD)

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The objective of using this *Daily Diary* is to gain a better understanding of your bowel disorder.

By keeping a detailed record of stool consistency, frequency, continence, pain, diet, medication, emotional status and exercise, a clearer understanding may start to emerge for you and/or your physician to determine the best treatment options available to you.

DESCRIPTIONS

Stool Description

Symptoms

Gas

Pain

Emotional Status *How do you feel? Why?*

Stressors

Medications

Women

Food *List everything, be detailed.*

Beverages

EXAMPLES

Loose; diarrhea; formed; hard, pellet-like; ribbon-shaped

Incomplete evacuation; strong urge; straining; incontinent; stain/smear

Belching; flatus

Abdominal cramping; lower intestinal cramping; pain on either side of abdomen; tenderness (tender when touched); rectal pain (sharp dull, burning; feels like a hard object is in rectum; cramping sensation in rectum)

Fine; happy; relaxed; anxious; nervous; sad; unhappy, depressed; fatigued; tired (wake up tired, wake up during the night) – mentally tired, physically tired

Daily obligations; employment; school; family; social; travel; shopping; medical appointments; illness; injury; trauma; surgery; personal/intimate

Prescription/over-the-counter including herbs or supplements; and Dosage

Menstrual cycle; ovulation; menstruation

Fruits; vegetables; dairy products; meat; fish; poultry; breads (whole grain, etc); pasta; dessert; condiments (salt, pepper, sauces, spices, oils)

Caffeine; decaffeinated; carbonated; diet/sugar free; alcohol; fruit juices

The International Foundation for Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders (IFFGD) is a nonprofit education and research organization dedicated to informing, assisting, and supporting people affected by gastrointestinal disorders.

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