

Natural Medicines in the Clinical Management of Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Recommendation Chart for Natural Medicines Used for Irritable Bowel Syndrome *						
Safety \ Effective	Likely Safe	Possibly Safe	Insufficient Evidence	Possibly Unsafe	Likely Unsafe	Unsafe
Effective	- Blond psyllium (constipation)					
Likely Effective	- Senna	- Cascara - European buckthorn				
Possibly Effective	- Bifidobacteria - Blond psyllium (diarrhea) - Karaya gum - Peppermint oil	- Aloe				
Insufficient Evidence	- Black Tea - Flaxseed - Lactobacillus - Melatonin - Pectin - Reflexology - Yoga	- Agrimony - Artichoke - Blackberry leaf - Clown's mustard plant - Fenugreek - Oak bark - Raspberry leaf - Rhubarb - Sangre de grado				
Possibly Ineffective						
Likely Ineffective						
Ineffective						

KEY:
Consider recommending this product.
Don't recommend using this product.
Recommend against using this product.

* These proposed recommendations are based solely on the Safety and Effectiveness Ratings contained in *Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database*. This assumes use of high-quality, uncontaminated products and the use of typical doses. Keep in mind that some products are never appropriate for some patients due to concomitant disease states, potential drug interactions, or other clinical factors. Use your clinical judgment before recommending any product.