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# Opiate-induced Constipation

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Constipation is a very under-diagnosed symptom in any healthcare setting. In palliative care it can be a very difficult symptom to manage, particularly when the majority of patients will be on an opiate, which will always cause constipation. However, very few patients are commenced on an aperient when an opiate is prescribed to them.

This session will focus on:

- Why opiates cause constipation
- What the symptoms may be
- How to recognise opioid constipation
- What the treatment options are

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**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**  
**1.30 – 3.30pm**                      **Cost: £20.00**

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