



# Short-term Therapy With Lasting Relief for Adults With Irritable Bowel Syndrome With Diarrhea

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### **Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS)**

IBS is a prevalent disorder of gut-brain interaction characterized by recurrent abdominal pain and altered bowel habits<sup>1,2</sup>

~13.7 million

US adults suffer from IBS3,4

(Rome IV criteria utilized for prevalence estimates<sup>3</sup>)



Most common diagnosis made in primary care<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Ford AC et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2018;113(Suppl 2):1-18. 2. Lacy BE et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2021;116(1):17-44. 3. Sperber AD et al. Gastroenterology. 2021;160(1):99-114.e3.

<sup>4.</sup> US Census Bureau. National Demographic Analysis Tables: 2020. 5. AGA. IBS in America: Survey Summary Findings. December 2015.



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#### Rome IV criteria for IBS1,\*

- Recurrent abdominal pain ≥1 day per week for the last 3 months associated with ≥2 of the following:
  - Defecation
  - Change in frequency of stool
  - Change in form (appearance) of stool
- Symptom onset ≥6 months before diagnosis

### 2021 Rome Foundation Clinical Diagnostic Criteria for Disorders of Gut-Brain Interaction (DGBI)<sup>2</sup>

 If the patient's symptoms are bothersome (require attention, interfere with daily activities, cause worry, interfere with quality of life), diagnosis can be made based on a lower frequency of symptoms and shorter duration (8 weeks or more)<sup>†</sup>

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†Provided that there is clinical confidence that other diagnoses have been sufficiently ruled out based on presentation and additional investigations as needed.<sup>2</sup>



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# IBS Is Classified Into Subtypes Based on Bowel Habits<sup>1</sup>

#### **Bristol Stool Form Scale**

#### Type 1

Separate hard lumps, like nuts (hard to pass)



#### Type 2

Sausage-shaped but lumpy



#### Type 3

Like a sausage but with cracks on its surface



#### Type 4

Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft



#### Type 5

Soft blobs with clear-cut edges (passed easily)



#### Type 6

Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool



#### Type 7

Watery, no solid pieces (entirely liquid)



### **IBS-C**

#### **IBS** with constipation

Hard/Lumpy Stools: >25% Loose/Watery Stools: <25% (ICD-10 code<sup>2</sup>: K58.1)

### **IBS-M**

#### **IBS** with mixed symptoms (Types 1-7)

Hard/Lumpy Stools: >25% and Loose/Watery Stools: >25% (ICD-10 code<sup>2</sup>: K58.2)

### **IBS-D**

#### IBS with diarrhea

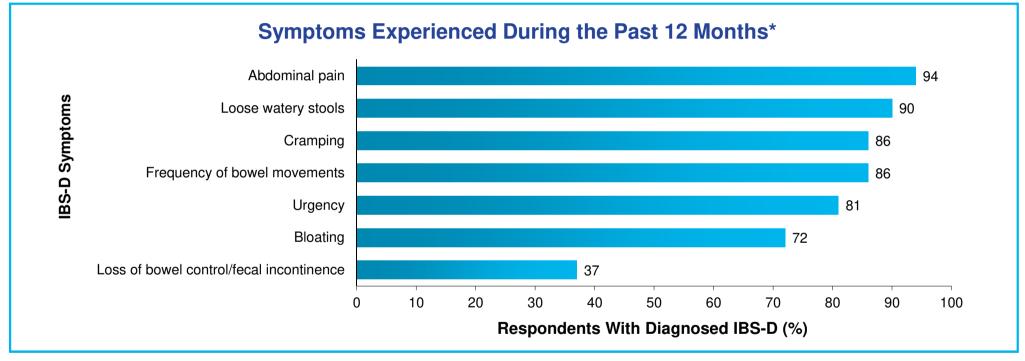
Loose/Watery Stools: >25% Hard/Lumpy Stools: <25% (ICD-10 code<sup>2</sup>: K58.0)

Patients who meet diagnostic criteria for IBS but whose bowel habits cannot accurately be categorized into 1 of the 3 groups above should be categorized as having IBS unclassified (IBS-U).

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# **IBS-D Is Associated With Multiple Bothersome Symptoms**

In a 2015 online survey that included 1001 respondents with an IBS-D diagnosis, more than 70% reported experience with nearly every symptom in the past 12 months\*



<sup>\*</sup>Data from the *IBS in America* online survey conducted September 14, 2015, through October 29, 2015, for the American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) by GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications with financial support from Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Allergan plc. Respondents with an IBS-D diagnosis (n=1001) and respondents without a formal IBS-D diagnosis (n=586) were asked the following question about a list of symptoms, "Which of the following symptoms have you experienced during the past 12 months?" Data shown reflect the responses of those with an IBS-D diagnosis.

AGA. IBS in America: Survey Summary Findings. December 2015.

### Pathophysiology of IBS-D

# The Pathophysiology of IBS-D Is Complex and Multifactorial<sup>1-3</sup>

Altered GI motility

Increased mucosal permeability

Visceral hypersensitivity

**Bacterial imbalance** 

Immune activation/ inflammation

Disturbances in brain-gut interaction

<sup>1.</sup> Pimentel M. Am J Manag Care. 2018;24(3 Suppl):S35-S46. 2. Lacy BE et al. Gastroenterology. 2016;150(6):1393-1407. 3. Ohman L, Simrén M. Curr Gastroenterol Rep. 2013;15(5):323.



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