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| Benzocaine/Dermoplast | Local Anesthetics | Topical anesthesia to relieve pain. | Rare; hypersensitivity, local burning, stinging, tenderness, sloughing | Keep an eye out for changes of color, condition, and sensitivity to the skin. |
| Docusate/Surfak | Laxitive | Relief of constipation, prevention of straining during bowel movement | Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, bloating, flatulence, cramping, perianal irritation, fainting | Monitor BMs for # and type. Let us know if you feel nauseous or have pain in your stomach. |
| Ibuprofen | NSAID | Mild to moderate pain, rheumatoid disorders, dysmenorrhea, fever | Nausea, dizziness, dyspepsia, gastric or duodenal ulcer, GI bleeding, headache | Are symptoms getting better? If onset of side effects stop giving. |
| Hydrocodone/Vicodin | Opioid Analgesic | Severe pain | Sedation, sweating, headache, vertigo, lethargy, confusion, lightheadedness, nausea, vomiting | Monitor closely and often for pain relief and onset of any side effect. If they appear discuss alternative treatment options with physician |
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| Prenatal Vitamins | Supplements | Provide extra vitamins and minerals to mother and baby | nausea, constipation, stomach cramps, bloating and gas | Monitor blood work for appropriate vitamin/mineral/electrolyte levels. Assess for stomach sensitivity |
| Witch Hazel Pads/Tucks | topical astringent | Hemorrhoid relief and soothe perineal discomfort | Skin irritation and allergic reactions | Keep close eye for redness, hives, itching, irritation to perineum. |