

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge
Constipation Medication

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	CONSTIPATION IS A VERY COMMON AILMENT. USUALLY, IT'S A TEMPORARY PROBLEM. BUT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO SUFFER WITH A SEVERE, CHRONIC FORM OF CONSTIPATION.
Michael Camilleri, M.D.	"THESE PATIENTS HAVE A BOWEL MOVEMENT ABOUT ONCE A WEEK OR ONCE EVERY TWO WEEKS AND THE BOWEL MOVEMENT IS NOT ONLY INFREQUENT, BUT IT'S HARD AND DIFFICULT TO PASS."
	AND THAT, SAYS MAYO CLINIC DR. MICHAEL CAMILLERI, CAN SERIOUSLY AFFECT QUALITY OF

	LIFE. DR. CAMILLERI LED A STUDY OF A NEW MEDICATION THAT APPEARS TO GIVE PATIENT RELIEF WHILE LIMITING SIDE EFFECTS FOUND IN CURRENT DRUGS.
Dr. Camilleri	“PATIENTS WERE ABLE TO HAVE SPONTANEOUS BOWEL MOVEMENTS WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE LAXATIVES OR ENEMAS WHILE THEY WERE TAKING THIS MEDICATION.”
	THE DRUG, CALLED PROCALOPRIDE, IS NOT YET APPROVED FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES OR EUROPE. DR. CAMILLERI BELIEVES THIS STUDY IS A STEP IN THAT DIRECTION.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

