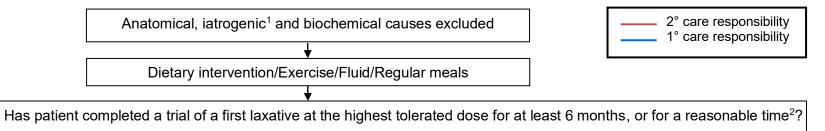
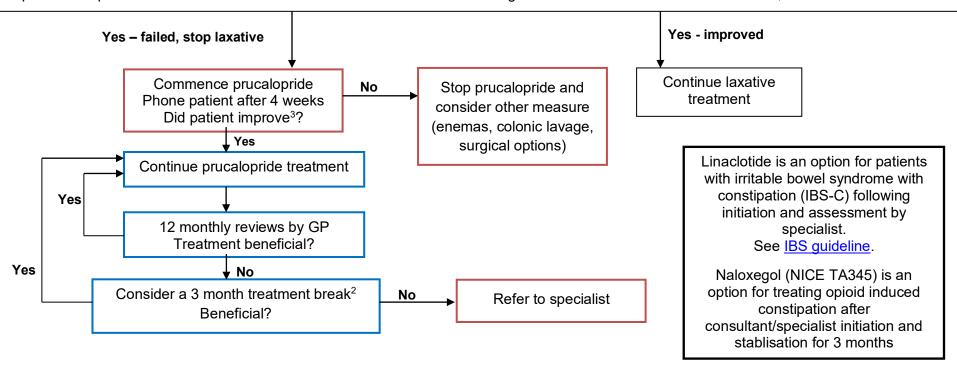
DERBYSHIRE JOINT AREA PRESCRIBING COMMITTEE (JAPC) Algorithm For The Treatment of Refractory Symptomatic Chronic Constipation in adults (NICE TA211#)

JAPC classification Prucalopride – GREY

after gastro consultant/specialist initiation. GPs may continue to prescribe as per algorithm. See dose table below.



Has patient completed a trial of a second laxative from a different class at the highest tolerated dose for at least 6 months, or for a reasonable time²?



#TA211 only includes prucalopride use in women; licensing & local agreement is that this can be extended to use in men

- 1. latrogenic causes = opiates, tricyclic anti-depressants, anti-cholinergics and calcium containing antacids
- 2. local expert advice
- 3. Improvement = three or more spontaneous bowel movements per week

Drug	Indication	Dose	Cost (DT December 2024)	Comments
Prucalopride	Chronic constipation when other laxatives fail to provide adequate response	Elderly (≥65 years): Initially 1 mg once daily, increased if necessary to 2 mg once daily Adults: 2mg once a day Review treatment if no response after 4 weeks. Prucalopride Drugs BNF NICE	1mg tablets: £26.33 per 28 tablets 2mg tablets: £10.94 per 28 tablets	If using dose of 2mg prescribe as 2mg tablets as more cost effective.