

UNDERSTANDING THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS OF IBS







IBS with Constipation (IBS-C)

(difficult or infrequent bowel movements)1



The emotional experience of IBS-C is characterized by attempts to self-treat with numerous over-the-counter (OTC) products³, leading to dissatisfaction, frustration and depression.^{4,5}

BOTH IBS-C AND IBS-D ARE CHARACTERIZED BY:



RECURRING ABDOMINAL PAIN8



LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY AT WORK OR SCHOOL9

IBS with Diarrhea (IBS-D)

(frequent loose stools, often with an urgent need to go)1



The emotional experience of IBS-D is characterized by an inability to predict symptoms that causes embarrassment and ties patients to the bathroom.6

THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT

IBS-C - THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT



76% Don't Feel Normal/ Don't Feel Like Themselves⁶



Nearly 1/3 Feel Hopeless, **Down or Depressed** Because of their Condition⁵

IBS-D - THE EMOTIONAL IMPACT



68% Are Embarrassed Others Notice Bathroom Frequency⁶



54% Feel Self-conscious About Looks⁶

THE DAILY IMPACT

IBS-C - THE DAILY IMPACT



55% Take 2+ OTCs Each Month⁷



64% Have Avoided Having Sex Because of Symptoms⁶

IBS-D - THE DAILY IMPACT



81% Avoid Situations Far From Bathrooms⁶



65% Find It Difficult to Plan **Around Symptoms⁶**

For more information on IBS, please visit: www.ibsinamerica.gastro.org