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# Loperamide

National Cancer Institute

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A synthetic agent chemically related to the opiates with anti-diarrheal properties.

Loperamide decreases gastro-intestinal motility by effects on the circular and longitudinal muscles of the intestine. Part of its anti-diarrheal effect may be due to a reduction of gastro-intestinal secretion produced by opioid receptor binding in the intestinal mucosa. (NCI04)