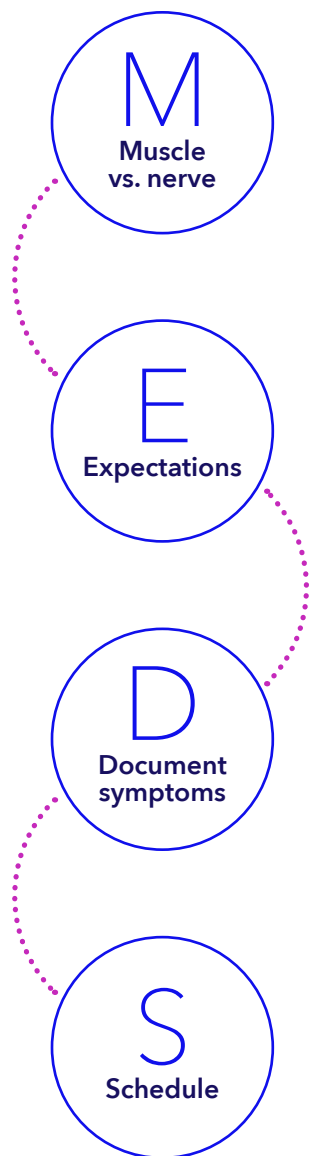


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# A simple framework for describing InterStim™ therapy to your patients.

Talk track: Sacral neuromodulation for bowel control



Past treatments haven't given you satisfactory results, which may be due to the way these treatments focus on the muscle rather than the nerves. They don't target the miscommunication between your bowel and your brain.

Because bowel function involves both muscles and nerves, you may need something that addresses the **communication problem** between the bowel and the brain that can cause symptoms.

**Medtronic bowel control therapy is unique because it's the only therapy that offers a simple evaluation to see if it's right for you.**

- The evaluation is a minimally invasive procedure
- We will be looking to see if your troublesome bowel symptoms are reduced by at least 50%
- After several days, you'll know if:
  - You're a candidate for long-term treatment
  - We need more information

**It's important that you document your symptoms before and during your evaluation to help me understand if you see any improvements.**

- I will provide you with a symptom tracker and I would like you to document your symptoms for a minimum of three days.
- Bring your symptom tracker back with you at your next appointment.

Tracking daily will help us determine if the therapy delivered by the InterStim™ system is right for you.

**You will have follow-up appointments scheduled:**

- First appointment for a procedure that allows you to try the therapy.
- Second appointment to remove the temporary wire from your test and to discuss your results.
- Third appointment is the date for long-term therapy if you're a candidate or for an advanced evaluation if we need more information.

Here's a **brochure** explaining the evaluation and long-term therapy, as well as the symptom tracker we discussed to document your symptoms. For more information, visit [medtronic.com/bowel](https://www.medtronic.com/bowel).

#### Words to avoid:

- Spine
- Needle
- Surgery

#### Words to use:

- Test drive
- Small implantable device
- Nerve test
- Small wire
- Procedure
- Reversible
- "Pacemaker for your bowel"

Sacral Neuromodulation delivered by the InterStim™ system for Bowel Control is indicated for the treatment of chronic fecal incontinence in patients who have failed or are not candidates for more conservative treatments.

**Contraindications:** Diathermy. Patients who have not demonstrated an appropriate response to test stimulation or are unable to operate the neurostimulator.

#### Warnings/Precautions/Adverse Events:

Safety and effectiveness have not been established for bilateral stimulation; pregnancy, unborn fetus, and delivery; pediatric use under the age of 18; or for patients with progressive, systemic neurological diseases. The system may be affected by or adversely affect cardiac devices, electrocautery, defibrillators, ultrasonic equipment, radiation therapy, MRI, theft detectors/screening devices. Adverse events include pain at the implant sites, new pain, lead migration, infection, technical or device problems, adverse change in bowel or voiding function, and undesirable stimulation or sensations, including jolting or shock sensations. Patients should be assessed preoperatively for the risk of increased bleeding. For full prescribing information, please call Medtronic at 1-800-328-0810 and/or consult Medtronic's website at [www.medtronic.com](https://www.medtronic.com). Product technical manual must be reviewed prior to use for detailed disclosure.

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