Ostomy Education Table



pouching system and to manage peristomal skin irritation.

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from the skin surface prior to applying a pouching system.

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Types of Ostomies



An ileostomy is a surgically created opening in part of the small intestine called the ileum. Ileostomies may be permanent or temporary, depending on the disease process.

The stool can range from a liquid to a pasty consistency, and contains enzymes that are irritating to the peristomal skin.

A colostomy is a surgically created opening in part

of the large intestine (colon). Colostomies may be

permanent or temporary depending on the disease

process. The stool consistency will depend on where

• Ascending colostomy: Stool can range from liquid

to pasty consistency and may be irritating to the

• Transverse colostomy: Stool is somewhat formed

• Descending/sigmoid colostomy: Stool is formed

Ostomy Construction



End Stoma

An end stoma is constructed by dividing the bowel and bringing the proximal end through the abdominal wall, everted and stitched to the skin surface of the abdomen.

An end stoma can be in the small or large intestines.



Loop Stoma

A loop stoma can be created in the small or large intestine.

A loop of intestine is brought through the abdominal wall. The exposed intestine is opened and matured into a stoma. A functioning limb (proximal) and non-functioning limb (distal) are created. The functioning limb transports stool and the non-functioning limb can expel mucus.

A plastic rod or tubing may be placed under the loop of intestine to support the stoma on the abdominal wall. The rod is removed per institution protocol or physician preference.



The intestine is divided and the two ends are brought through the abdominal wall and sutured to the skin. A skin bridge may separate the two ends of intestine. One stoma is functioning (proximal) and transports stool and one is non-functioning (distal). The non-functioning limb is referred to as the mucous fistula which expels mucus.

Peristomal Skin Conditions

Nechanical Iniury

Nechanical injury is peristomal skin damage or skin damage due to pressure, friction, medical adhesives, or removal of the adhesive barrier. Contributing factors include: traumatic removal of the barrier, vigorously scrubbing the peristomal skin and/or a poorly fitting pouching system. Prevention:

- Gently clean the peristomal skin
- push-pull technique
- Management:



erosion

Prevention:

- Manaaement:
- Identify the underlying cause
- Use correctly sized barrier and consider using convexity and/or an ostomy belt
- Consider using an extended wear barrier
- If skin is moist and weepy, consider crusting technique[†]

Allergic Irritant Dermatitis

- Prevention
- Limit the use of products on the skin • Add one new product at a time to assess patient's reaction
- Management:

- Remove known or suspected allergen change type of pouching system and/or eliminate any unnecessary products If skin is moist and weepy, consider crusting technique[†]

oderma Ganarenosum

Rare inflammatory skin disorder with unknown etiology seen in patients with inflammatory bowel disease or other autommune diseases. The lesions are ulcerated with dusky red to purplish marging seen in patients with inflammatory bowel disease or other auto-immune diseases. Lesions can be painful. Manaaement:

barrier to the affected peristomal area.

1. Gently clean the skin with warm water.

5. May repeat steps 3 and 4 if necessary.

on the affected area and wipe off the excess.)

Footnotes:

2. Pat or air drv.

6. Apply pouching system

Jrostomy/Ileal Conduit

† Crusting technique: Creates a protective crust to protect the skin and assist with healing

underneath the ostomy barrier by alternating layers of ostomy powder and a protective

3. Dust the affected area with ostomy powder and gently brush away the excess.

4. Seal in the powder with Prep[™] or sting-free Brava[®] Skin Barrier Spray. Allow to dry.

Note: Crusting can also be accomplished without skin sealant. (Simply sprinkle the powder

the colostomy is located.

A urostomy/ileal conduit is created from an isolated segment of the ileum. The ureters are surgically tunneled into a small segment of the small intestine (20-25 cm) called a conduit or (i.e. channel or tube).

One end of the ileum is sutured closed and the other end is brought to the surface of the abdomen to form a urinary stoma.

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A double barrel stoma can be created in the small or



larae intestine.

- Remove the barrier in the direction of hair growth using the
- Use warm water or adhesive remover to remove the barrier if needed
- Evaluate pouching system to ensure proper fit including any areas of pressure caused by the pouching system
- Consult with physician or WOC Nurse • If skin is moist and weepy, consider the crusting technique[†]

rritant Contact Dermatitis

Hypersensitivity to chemical agents such as stoma output, soaps and/or adhesives resulting in an inflammatory response. Associated with well-defined erythema, edema or loss of epidermis. Pruritis, crusting, oozing or dryness may be present.

- Measure and cut opening of barrier to the size of the stoma Change barrier on schedule
- Change barrier immediately if burning, irritation or signs of leakaae occur
- Examine the back of the barrier upon removal for areas of
- Limit the use of products on the skin
- Consult with physician or WOC Nurse

mmunologic response due to exposure to an allergen. Associated with areas of erythema that may correspond to the shape of the contact surface.

• Consult with physician or WOC Nurse

- Consult with physician or WOC Nurse
- Manage the underlying disease and infection per physician order
- Manage ulcer pain per physician's orders
- Consider steroids with physician's orders
- Use a flexible barrier with a gentle adhesive
- If skin is moist and weepy, consider crusting technique[†]
- Wound care may be ordered by the physician and is determined by amount of drainage and depth of wound

Folliculitis is an inflammation of a hair follicle. It is often caused by bacterial sources such as staphylococcus aureus, streptococci and pseudomonas aeruginosa. Predisposing factors include antibiotic therapy, diabetes and immunosuppression.

Prevention:

- Gently remove the barrier to prevent skin trauma
- Shave hair in the direction of hair growth, but always
- away from the stoma to avoid nicking or cutting the stoma Use an electric razor
- Wash, rinse and completely dry skin before applying a new pouching system
- Manaaement:
- Consider adding antibacterial cleansing at pouch change
- Consult with physician or WOC Nurse
- Identify the underlying cause
- Avoid shaving hair in affected area only clip the hair
- If skin is moist and weepy, consider the crusting technique[†] using ostomy powder or an antifungal powder (first obtain physician's order/prescription) if a fungal rash is present

ungal Infection (Candida/Yeast)

Candida is a common skin flora that grows in dark, damp sites such as under an ostomy barrier. The rash starts out as pustules before turning into a raised area with erythema consisting of irregular margins with surrounding satellite lesions. Patients may complain of itching or burning. Predisposing factors include antibiotic therapy, diabetes or immunosuppression.

- Prevention: Use a properly fitting pouching system
- Eliminate cause of moisture: inspect pouching system for signs of leakage
- After bathing, dry the skin and the pouching system thoroughly Assess wear time by examining the barrier for erosion upon removal
- Manaaement:
- Consult with physician or WOC Nurse
- Identify the underlying cause
- If skin is moist and weepy, consider the crusting technique using antifungal powder in place of ostomy powder
- (first obtain physician's order/prescription)[†] Systemic treatment may be prescribed by the physician if more than one body area is involved
- Blood sugar management may also need to be considered

Pseudoverrucous Lesions (Hyperplasia)

Hyperplasia refers to skin maceration due to excess moisture. However, pseudoverrucous lesions are most often seen with urostomies due to the alkaline nature of urinary output. The wart-like lesions are usually caused by urine that remains in contact with the skin for extended periods of time.

Prevention:

- Correctly cut the barrier to the size of the stoma
- · Assess for leakage. Examine ostomy barrier for erosion upon removal and adjust wear time accordingly
- Consider using an extended wear barrier
- · If stoma is flush or retracted, consider a pouching system with convexity • Use a pouch that has a built-in anti-reflux valve to prevent urine from
- washing over the stoma
- Use a bedside drainage system at night
- Manaaement:
- Consult physician or WOC Nurse
- Identify the underlying cause
- Modify the pouching system
- Check urine pH to assess urine acidity
- If pH is too alkaline, physician's orders may include applying white vinegar soaks and/or a Colly-Seel*-type barrier to the wart-like lesions until the condition improves *Colly-Seel (Torbot Group, Inc. 800-545-4254)

Stomal Challenges

A prolapse occurs when the bowel telescopes through the stoma, causing the stoma to increase in length. It is most common with loop colostomies. Contributing factors include: abdominal wall opening larger than the bowel, increased abdominal pressure and weak abdominal tone. Management:

- Consult with physician or WOC Nurse
- Instruct patient to avoid weight gain and suggest regular
- exercise to increase abdominal tone • Consider the use of prolapse support binder
- Revise pouching system
- Larger pouch to accommodate increased stoma length Measure stoma base while stoma is protruding at its largest
- size (sitting position) - Cut barrier opening to accommodate stoma at its largest size
- Use a flexible, flat barrier
- Instruct patient to notify physician for signs and symptoms of obstruction and ischemia

Parastomal Hernia

Occurs due to a weakness in the muscle layer of the abdominal wall, allowing intestine to come through the muscle. Contributing factors include a fascial opening larger than the stoma/intestine, poor muscle tone and placement of the stoma outside the rectus muscle.

- Management:
- Consult with physician or WOC Nurse notify for signs related to hernia strangulation
- Measure the stoma while patient is sitting up and stoma is at its largest

The sutured junction between the stoma and the skin is

completely or partially separates from the skin, it is called

infection, tension on the suture line and delayed healing

due to disease process, compromised nutritional status or

a mucocutaneous separation. Contributing factors include

called the mucocutaneous junction. When the junction

- Use a 1-piece pouching system or a 2-piece adhesive coupling system, which allows flexibility and adapts to abdominal contours
- Consider a hernia support belt for added support
- Instruct patient to avoid constipation and/or excessive weight gain



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- Management: Consult with physician or WOC Nurse
- Wound care may be ordered by the physician and is

Nucocutaneous Separation

corticosteroids.

- determined by amount of drainage and depth of wound
- Change pouching system as needed to provide wound care

Occurs due to a reduction of blood flow to the stoma affecting stoma viability. Contributing factors include edema of the bowel wall, extensive tension on the mesentery, obesity and too tight or closely placed sutures. Necrosis typically occurs within the first 5 days post-op.

• Use a transparent, two-piece pouching system for

• Size the barrier appropriately to prevent constriction

Resize the barrier as nonviable tissue sloughs and

• Use Brava[®] Lubricating Deodorant while necrotic

stoma is sloughing off if needed for odor control

Management: Consult with physician or WOC Nurse

stoma contracts

closer inspection of the stoma

• Assess for stenosis as area heals