tomy pouch
warm water (mild soap if desired) J-cloth (cut into pieces) or washcloth and towel garbage bag
se has checked
powder
night drainage container/bag
belt
eakin
barrier
other
kin barrier. he hole. If you need to before touching paste. Yound opening in pouch.

Preparing skin

If needed:

- 1. Empty pouch you are wearing.
- 2. Remove pouch gently and throw out into a garbage bag.
- 3. Wipe urine and mucous from stoma and skin with toilet paper, tissue or wet J-cloth.
- 4. Wash skin around stoma. If you use soap, rinse well. Pat skin dry. Do not rub.
- 5. Check condition of stoma and the skin around the stoma.

☐ Shave excess hair around stoma.
☐ Apply powder to red areas on skin. Dust off excess.
☐ Apply protective wipe and dry well.
☐ Apply barrier/eakin seal as taught.
☐ Squeeze a ring of paste around base of stoma.

Note: Stents: If stents are intact, hold stents and guide into opening of pouch.

Applying new pouch

- 1. Stretch abdomen flat.
- 2. Centre opening of skin barrier around stoma. To get a good seal, press gently and firmly.
- 3. If not done earlier, remove paper backing from adhesive. Smooth out wrinkles. Seal well.
- 4. If needed, tape pouch as taught.
- 5. Make sure spout at the bottom is closed.

other

Reminders

- ✓ To strengthen seal of pouch hold your hand firmly over it for about 5 minutes.
- ✓ If the pouch leaks, change it as soon as possible. Do not patch!
- ✓ You can take a bath or shower with the pouch on or off. If you keep the pouch on, dry the tape area well with a towel and/or a hair dryer. Make sure the hair dryer is on a cool setting.
- ✓ As your strength returns you can change the pouch standing up.
- ✓ It is normal for the stoma to bleed a little when being wiped and/or washed.
- ✓ As you heal and you become more comfortable with your stoma, you may need to change the pouch less often.
- ✓ Empty your pouch regularly, (when it is about 1/3 full).

Always carry a spare pouch change. This is very important when visiting your doctor, outpatient clinic, emergency or x-ray department.

As you heal and become more comfortable with your stoma, you will need to change the pouch less often.

Connecting to night drainage container

There are 2 types of drainage containers:

- 1. Drainage bag.
- 2. Plastic bottle.

An adaptor is needed to attach spout of pouch to drainage collector tubing.

Note: Each company has their own specific adapter for their pouches.



To Connect

- 1. Attach adaptor to the tubing drainage container.
- 2. Attach adaptor to bottom of pouch
- 3. Position the tubing container so that it is secure and the urine flows into it easily. May put container into pail or dishpan in case of leak in the container.
- 4. If you are using a tap closure, open it now.

To Disconnect

- 1. If you are using a tap closure, close it now.
- 2. Disconnect adaptor from bottom of pouch.
- 3. Hold tubing upward to allow urine to drain into container.
- 4. Empty urine from container into toilet.
- 5. Wash container with warm soapy water. Rinse and allow to dry.

Once a week: Mix equal parts of vinegar and water (½ vinegar and ½ water). Wash the container with this mixture, then rinse well with water and allow to dry.

Reminders

- ✓ Drink plenty of fluids in small amounts throughout the day. This is the best way to prevent urinary tract infections.
- ✓ It is normal to have mucous in your urine.
- Drinking cranberry juice will help to maintain the natural acidity of your urine.
- ✓ Call your doctor or urologist if you have:
 - a fever
 - bloody urine
 - lower back or abdominal pain

Note: If the doctor wants a urine sample to test for infection, do not get the sample from the pouch. Contact your ET or Urologist for advice.



