

Removing and Applying Ostomy Pouches

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Preparation of equipment





Pouch

Scissors and template (if your pouch is not pre cut)



Water



Dry wipes - or white kitchen towel



Disposable bags



Adhesive remover spray (if used)

Removing an ostomy pouch



Wash your hands. If you are unable to wash for any reason then cleanse with an antibacterial hand sanitiser. If you use a drainable or urostomy pouch, you may find it easier to empty your pouch prior to removal of the pouch.

Top Tip*

If you wear a closed pouch you can empty the contents into a toilet by cutting the bottom of the pouch.



If you use an adhesive remover (such as Pelican Release) either wipe or spray the skin at the top of the base plate.



After a couple of seconds gently peel the base plate away from your skin, applying more adhesive remover if necessary.

Pouch used



For every SKIN, every STOMA, every BODY



Pelican Platinum with Vitamin E Drainable Pouch



Gently wipe any remaining output from the stoma and the surrounding area using a wet wipe. Be careful not to rub the stoma and the skin too hard.



Using warm water, wash the stoma and the surrounding area. Be careful not to rub the stoma and skin too hard. You can use an adhesive remover (spray or wipe) to help remove any remaining adhesive residue. Once finished with the adhesive remover, use a dry wipe to dry the skin.



Dispose of your pouch, wipes and accessories used into a plastic disposal bag. Do not flush pouch down the toilet. You can get plastic disposal bags from your home delivery service.



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Products used



Pelican Release Adhesive Remover



Pelican Protect Plus

Applying an ostomy pouch



If unsure about your stoma size, measure your stoma with the supplied measuring guide – if you have any concerns, please contact your Stoma Care Nurse for advice.



Wash your hands. If you are unable to wash for any reason then cleanse with an antibacterial hand sanitiser.



Dry the stoma and the surrounding skin by dabbing with a dry wipe.



You may need to cut or adjust the hole in your pouch. If this is the case, do so with a pair of curved cutting scissors. (Once the stoma size is established the hole can be pre-cut).



Using warm water, wash the stoma and the surrounding area. Be careful not to rub the stoma and skin too hard.



If you use a barrier wipe or spray (such as Pelican Protect Plus) then apply it to the skin around your stoma and leave for a few seconds until it dries.



Apply your seal (if you use one) by shaping it to fit around your stoma and pressing down firmly.



Hold the adhesive area of the pouch between your hands for 30 seconds to warm the adhesive. This will help it to adhere to your skin instantly.



Remove the release film by peeling it away from the base plate using the marked thumb tab.



Apply the pouch from the bottom of the stoma to the top. Smooth from the centre to the edges of the base plate to remove any creases that could cause leaks.



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Thank you

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Ileostomy Association

(ileostomy and internal pouch support group) Email: info@iasupport.org Tel: 0800 0184 724 www.iasupport.org

Urostomy Association Email: secretary.ua@classmail.co.uk Tel: 01386 430140 www.urostomyassociation.org.uk

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