

STOMA PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES		
Type	Average wear time	Average quantity per month
ILEOSTOMY		
One-piece drainable pouch	Pouch changed every 1 - 3 days	10 - 30 pouches
Two-piece drainable pouch	Baseplate changed 2 - 3 times a week	8 - 12 baseplates
	Pouch changed every 1 - 3 days	10 - 30 pouches
COLOSTOMY		
One-piece pouches closed pouch	Pouch changed 1 - 3 times a day	30 - 90 pouches
Two-piece baseplates closed pouch	Baseplate changed 2 - 3 times a week	8 - 12 baseplates
	Pouch changed 1 - 3 times a day	30 - 90 pouches
<i>Because colostomates have differing amounts of large bowel, their stomas behave differently and the number of changes they need to make each day varies enormously. At one end of the scale certain colostomates may manage their stoma by using a drainable pouch while at the other end certain colostomates may be able to irrigate. In between there will be a wide variety of one and two piece appliances and additional products used and a wide variety of changes required each day.</i>		
UROSTOMY		
One-piece urostomy pouch	Pouch changed every 1 - 3 days	10 - 30 pouches
Two-piece urostomy pouch	Baseplate changed 2 - 3 times a week	8 - 12 baseplates
	Pouch changed every 1 - 3 days	10 - 30 pouches
Open night drainage bag	Bag changed weekly	4 bags
Single use drainage bag	Bag changed daily	30 bags
CONVEX PRODUCTS	Convex products should only be used on the recommendation of the Stoma Care Nurse.	
SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS	Additional items may be essential for problem solving with stomal complications or to extend wear time and increase confidence. These include barrier cream, skin protector wipes/spray, powders, adhesive remover, washers and pastes, deodorants, retention strips and support garments.	
The quantities listed above are guidelines only. Some patients may require a higher or lower quantity than stated. If there are any prescribing concerns please refer to the patient's Stoma Care Nurse for details or an assessment.		

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