WORLD OSTOMY DAY RAISING AWARENESS OF LIVING WITH A STOMA

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COLOSTOMY UK, IA AND UA ARE JOINING TOGETHER WITH COLLEAGUES ACROSS THE WORLD TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT STOMAS AND THE PROBLEMS THAT PEOPLE WITH THEM CAN FACE...







DID YOU KNOW ...

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF STOMA

LARGE INTESTINE SMALL INTESTINE OR DIVERTED	COLOSTOMY FORMED FROM	FORMED FROM	UROSTOMY BLADDER REMOVED
	LARGE INTESTINE	SMALL INTESTINE	OR DIVERTED

WHAT IS A STOMA?

A STOMA IS A SURGICALLY CREATED OPENING IN THE ABDOMEN THROUGH WHICH THE BOWEL AND/OR BLADDER IS DIVERTED SO BODILY WASTE CAN BE COLLECTED IN A BAG

WHY MIGHT I HAVE A STOMA?

- CANCER

- IBD (E.G. CROHN'S DISEASE)
- TRAUMA TO THE BOWEL OR BLADDER
- DYSFUNCTIONAL BOWEL/ BLADDER

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE A STOMA AND WHAT'S IT LIKE?

- AROUND 120,000 PEOPLE IN THE UK LIVE WITH A STOMA
- STOMA SURGERY IS PERFORMED ON BABIES AND CHILDREN TOO
- A PERSON WITH A STOMA IS REFERRED TO AS AN 'OSTOMATE'
- LIVING WITH A STOMA CAN CREATE FEELINGS SUCH AS ANGER, EMBARRASSMENT, HATRED, LACK OF CONFIDENCE AND FAILURE
- MANY OSTOMATES LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL AFTER SURGERY

HELP US TO RAISE AWARENESS AND STOP STOMA IGNORANCE

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