Туре	Advantages	Disadvantages
Closed	 More suitable for coping with formed motions. Replaced with a new bag around one to three times a day. Flushable versions are available, which can be disposed of down the toilet. 	 Less suited to managing looser output. The bag may need to be changed and disposed of while away from home. Some people find it difficult to empty a nonflushable bag prior to disposal.
Drainable	 More suitable for coping with a looser output. Does not require changing as often as a closed bag. Fewer bags are used. Easily emptied prior to disposal. 	 May be difficult to empty if the output is more solid. Careful cleaning of the outlet is required. Clip or fastening can be uncomfortable.
Two-piece system	 Flange can remain in place for two to four days, which is kinder to the skin. The 'stick on' system may be easier for ostomates with arthritis. The 'clip on' system may be easier for visually-impaired ostomates. 	 Some people find it difficult to keep the flange clean. Leakage behind the flange may remain undetected and lead to sore skin. Some systems are fairly rigid and bulky.
One-piece system	 Less bulky and more flexible. May adhere more securely to scarred or uneven skin. 	 Every time the bag is changed it has to be accurately positioned around the stoma. Frequent changing of a closed bag may lead to sore skin.