



Travel Certificate

Important information for travel authorities and their staff.

The bearer of this letter has a stoma.

What is a stoma?

A stoma is a surgically created opening in the abdomen through which the bowel and/or bladder is diverted so that bodily waste can be collected in a bag. A stoma is a 'hidden' condition.

If you need to search the bearer, then please:

- Be sensitive and empathetic.
- Offer to conduct the search in a private room.
- Do not separate the holder from their medical supplies as they may need them.
- Allow the holder a chaperone.
- Wear gloves.

Name: _____

Passport Number: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Doctor's or Stoma Care Nurse's
Name and Address:

Surgery or
Hospital stamp:



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This certificate is in no way a medical endorsement that guarantees the holder has a stoma.
It is intended to be used as an aid for airport staff.

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This photo illustrates the sorts of medical supplies someone with a stoma may have with them.

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This is what stoma bags look like.



This is photo of someone wearing a stoma bag.

The bag may be fuller and contain faeces or urine.

Colostomy UK have a Travel Advice booklet which provides more information on travelling with a stoma.