



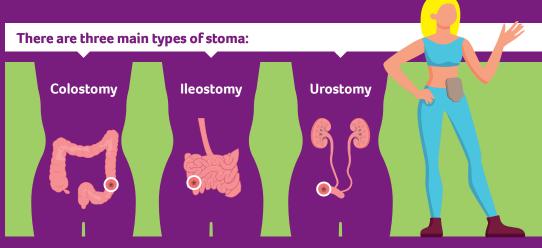
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ColostomyUK.org/StomaAware

## What is a Stoma?

A stoma is a surgically-created opening in the abdomen. It diverts the flow of bodily waste from a damaged or non-functioning bowel and/ or bladder, allowing it to be collected in a bag.

\*A stoma can be temporary or permanent



Diverts faeces from the colon

Diverts faeces from the small intestine

Diverts urine away from the bladder

A person wears a bag on their abdomen to collect bodily waste



Why do
I need to
be Stoma
Aware?

**Empower** people to access the information and Support they need.

Not all disabilities are visible

\*Stomafriendly

To stop Prejudice and discrimination.

## Why do people need a stoma?

- Diverticulitis
- Cancer
- Crohn's & Colitis
- Childbirth

- Endometriosis
- Trauma
- Medical Negligence