

Stoma care clinical competencies

Name:	Role:
Base:	Date initial training completed:

Competency Statement:

The participant demonstrates clinical knowledge and skill in stoma care without assistance and/or direct supervision (level 3 - see level descriptors). Assessment in practice must be by a Registered Nurse who can demonstrate competence at level 4 or above.

Performance Criteria	Assessment Method	Level achieved	Date	Assessor/self assessed
The Participant will be able to:				
1. Demonstrate the knowledge and skill in meeting patient's stoma needs				
a) Discuss the importance of maintaining the patient's privacy and dignity	Questioning			
b) Discuss the surgical operations that result in the formation of a stoma	Questioning			
c) Describe the difference between a colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy	Questioning			
d) Discuss the post op care and complications following formation of a stoma, and when to report concerns	Questioning			
e) Demonstrate knowledge of when to report stoma output to health care professional	Questioning			
f) Discuss drug therapy in relation to stoma output	Questioning			
g) Demonstrate knowledge of how to assess the need for intervention or treatment for constipation or a high output stoma	Questioning			
h) Correctly empty a stoma appliance, ensuring infection control principles are maintained	Observation			
i) Correctly change a stoma appliance, ensuring infection control principles are maintained	Observation			
j) Accurately measure and record contents of stoma on fluids balance chart and complete nursing documentation	Observation			
k) Teach patients to become self-caring for their stoma	Observation			
l) Teach carers and /or relatives (with patient's consent) to manage stoma	Observation			
m) Demonstrate knowledge of referral to stoma care team (where appropriate)	Observation / questioning			

