



Stoma-Gel™ FAQ



1. What is the purpose of Stoma-Gel™?

Stoma-Gel™ is intended for use between tracheostomy neck flange and patient to provide a stable, comfortable interface between flange and patient. Each pad is hypoallergenic and made from a medical-grade, mineral oil-based gel, increasing comfort which may reduce the risk of stoma irritation to improve quality of life.

2. Do I need to use a gauze pad when using Stoma-Gel™?

Yes, gauze pads absorb secretions and other body fluids and should be used if there is active discharge from or around the stoma site. It is good practice to use any absorbent material between the pad and patient neck to assure a dry stoma and to promote healing.

3. How do I clean the Stoma-Gel™?

Using mild soap and water, apply the cleaning agent to the product, and clean thoroughly. Rinse off the soap, shaking off the excess water and allow to air dry.

4. Can alcohol be used to clean the Stoma-Gel™?

Minimal exposure with a low concentration of alcohol is acceptable (some hand sanitizers may be low in alcohol content, with an active ingredient of approximately 63% Ethyl Alcohol depending on the brand can be used). It may even cause the Stoma-Gel™ become more "tacky". The Stoma-Gel™ is made of a mineral-based oil, therefore long exposure with high concentration of alcohol will dry and breakdown the gel. Stoma-Gel™ may have a gummier feel if alcohol is used several times, requiring soap and water for cleaning. Rubbing alcohol which has an active ingredient of 70% Isopropyl alcohol is NOT recommended.** The Stoma-Gel™ may or may not last as long if alcohol based cleaners are used often, as mild soap and water is the recommended choice for cleaning this product.

5. Can Stoma-Gel™ be reprocessed for use on another patient?

The Stoma-Gel™ is for single patient use and should never be cleaned and sterilized for use on another patient. With daily inspection, cleaning of stoma site and careful cleaning/disinfection/inspection of the pad, the Stoma-Gel™ may be used for up to 3 days.

6. What are the available sizes for Stoma-Gel™?

Stoma-Gel™ comes in one size and fits most trach tubes. Stoma-Gel™ can be cut to fit trach tubes larger in diameter.

7. I have sensitive skin, can I still use the Stoma-Gel™?

The Stoma-Gel™ is hypoallergenic and can be used for most skin types. The Stoma-Gel™ is latex free and made from a medical grade, mineral based gel which aims to improve comfort through its composition of natural ingredients.