OSTOMY

Assessment of stoma/ostomy site
- Assess the color of the stoma and surrounding skin
- Mucosa (stoma) should be rose to brick red
- Stoma should be above the skin, not retracted into the abdomen
- Check for severe bleeding around the stoma site
- Check for severe abdominal pain and/or bloating
- Check for fluid leaking around the stoma, bulges or swelling around the stoma
- Stoma prolapse can occur when increased abdominal pressure or tear around the stoma site

Medical emergencies
- Severe bleeding around the stoma.
- Necrosis on and/or around the stoma.
- Severe abdominal pain and/or bloating.
- Bulging around the stoma

Leakage around the stoma site, not through the stoma