#### How to Use the

## Natura® Ostomy System

#### With Pre-Cut or Cut-to-Fit Skin Barriers

\*Can be used with AllKare® Protective Barrier and AllKare® Adhesive Remover Wipes



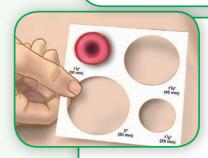


# Step 1: Removing the Skin Barrier/Wafer & Cleaning the Skin

Gently pull the skin barrier down, away from the skin, while supporting the surrounding skin with your other hand.

\*AllKare® Adhesive Remover Wipes can be used to aid in skin barrier removal and remove any adhesive residue left behind.

Clean the skin around your stoma with mild soap and water (soaps should be free of oils and creams). Rinse and pat dry thoroughly.



### **Step 2: Getting the Right Fit**

If your stoma has changed in size or you are unsure of the size, measure the stoma and select the proper size skin barrier. For assistance selecting a product size, call one of our ostomy nurses at 1-800-422-8811 (8:30 am – 7:00 pm ET).

#### **■** For Cut-to-fit Skin Barriers:

Trace the stoma size on the center of the white release paper on the back of the barrier, and cut an opening about 1/8" larger than your tracing.

#### **■** For Pre-Cut Skin Barriers:

Select skin barrier with pre-cut stoma opening slightly larger than your stoma.

Leave the backing on the adhesive and check the skin barrier's fit to your stoma. If there are any noticeable gaps, you may need to use paste or Eakin Cohesive® Seals.



### Step 3: Applying the Skin Barrier to Your Skin

Remove the white release liner from the back of the barrier and center the opening over your stoma.

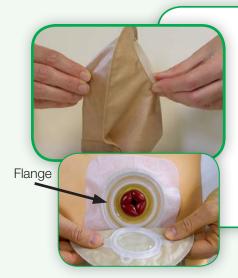
Press the skin barrier in place. Smooth the inner edge closest to your stoma with your fingers, holding for 30 seconds to ensure a snug fit around the stoma.

\*You may use an AllKare® Protective Barrier Wipe on your skin before applying the barrier.



## **Step 4: Applying the White or Tan Tape Border**

If present, peel off the white release liner from the Tape Border and press gently against skin, smoothing out any wrinkles.



### **Step 5: Attaching the Pouch**

Make sure the inner surfaces of the pouch are separated and that the pouch contains a small amount of air. Position the pouch flange over the skin barrier flange. Gently press your fingers around the entire flange area starting at the bottom or 6 o'clock position. You will hear and feel a series of audible "clicks" as the system locks securely into place.

**Important:** Always recheck the coupling to ensure that the system is completely closed by repeating the above steps.



## **Step 6: Removing the Pouch**

To easily disconnect the skin barrier from the pouch, firmly pull downward on the pouch tab and lift the pouch off while holding the skin barrier in place.

## Pouch Options:

Pouches are available in Drainable with InvisiClose® tail closure and Closed-end.

■ InvisiClose® pouch:

Roll the tail up three times and lock the tail by pressing the closure strips together. Optional step: For added discretion, fold the "lock-it pocket™" inside out to hold the tail. Drain when 1/3 full.

■ Closed-End pouch:

Discard when 1/3 full.



#### Filter Tips & Techniques

■ Important: cover the filter opening with the provided stick-on filter covers during all water activities (bathing, showering, or swimming). After water activities are completed and the pouch is dry, remove the filter cover.

**Note:** For flush or retracted stomas, convex products are recommended to increase wearing time. Please refer to your healthcare professional or ConvaTec's Customer Interaction Center at 1-800-422-8811. Remember to empty your pouch when it is one-third full. The use of soap or cleansers in the pouch is not recommended.

To speak to an ostomy expert (WOC Nurse) call 1-800-422-8811 (Monday - Friday; 8:30 am - 7:00 pm, ET)

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