

Dansac TRE Seal



Patient case study

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A 74 year old male patient underwent a cystectomy and formation of an ileal conduit for bladder cancer in 2016. The patient had chosen to use a 2 piece pouching system for ease of placement and had no difficulties managing his ostomy care.

Although the patient was regularly monitored in accordance with the Secure Start pathway, a Hollister Incorporated Transition Programme, the patient contacted the service just before his annual review due to the development of sore skin immediately around the stoma. The patient's stoma was pink, moist and well perfused and the os was central although the stoma tilted downwards; however, the peristomal skin immediately surrounding the stoma was red and sore. Photographs were obtained with consent (see picture 1).

The patient was using a flat base plate which was changed three times a week while the pouch was changed daily. There were no reported leaks from under the base plate and the patient felt secure with the coupling mechanism. On removal of the base plate, there was evidence of seepage around the aperture of the barrier. Having checked the template fitted correctly, the patient was shown how to use a hydrocolloid barrier ring to help prevent seepage and allow the skin to heal. After 2 weeks there was no significant improvement in the appearance of the skin.

Before suggesting alternative base plates, the properties of the new Dansac TRE seal were explained and the patient agreed to trial them. After 2 weeks trial with the original flat base plate usage there was noted improvement of the skin (see picture 2), and the patient felt comfortable and secure.

The patient had struggled with sore skin for several weeks but preferred to stick with the familiar base plate and pouching systems. As part of the overall care plan, the new barrier ring, with absorption and adhesion capabilities and a unique pH buffer, to help keep the skin naturally healthy allowed the patient to have a positive outcome and provided him with the confidence to manage his own ostomy care.

