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Stoma output is collected in a disposable adhesive bag. Ileostomy appliances tend to be drainable bags that are left in place for 48 hours, while colostomy appliances are simply changed two or three times each day. A wide range of such bags is currently available. Many now incorporate an adhesive backing, which can be left in place for several days. In most hospitals, a stoma care service is available to offer advice to patients, to acquaint them with the latest appliances and to provide the appropriate psychological and practical help.

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