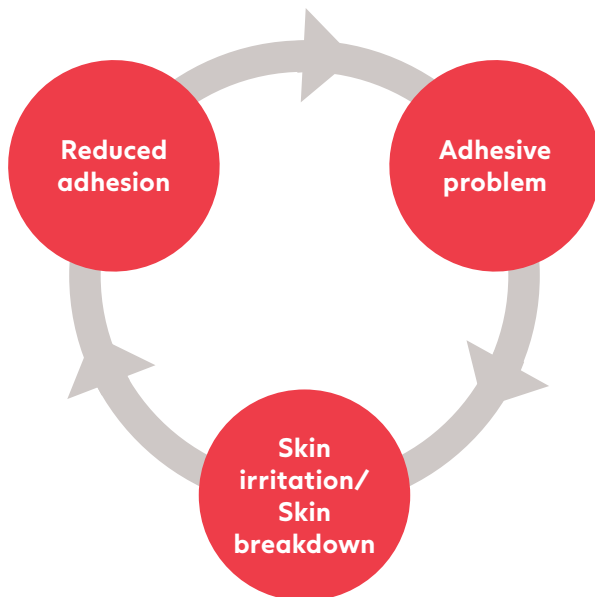


Skin Health

The foundation to a better quality of life.

Healthy peristomal skin is a pre-requisite for optimal medical adhesive use in total laryngectomy patients. It creates the foundation for consistent HME use, which leads to improved pulmonary health and facilitates tracheoesophageal voicing.

A vicious circle of adhesive problems can occur leading to skin irritation causing further problems with the adhesive not sticking to the skin.



Real patient stories

Patient 1

- Patient was referred to the Atos Care nursing service with suspected allergic reaction to baseplates.
- Kept taking breaks from baseplates which made mucus production worse and affected their ability to communicate.
- Used the Provox Optiderm baseplate.
- Antifungals treated on/off for several months with no effect.
- Been suffering with their skin for 2 years experiencing a burning/stinging sensation.
- Patient became isolated and withdrawn.



Day 1



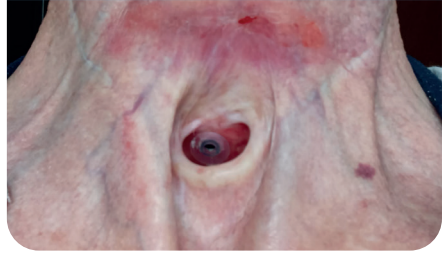
Assessment

- Red shiny skin without clearly defined border.
- No blistering or weeping.

Intervention

- Switch to Provox Cleaning Towels.
- Retrained on how to safely remove adhesives and prepare skin.

Day 7



Assessment

- 80% improvement – patient admitted use of laryngofoam overnight matching the location of irritation/damage at the top of the stoma.
- Always ask 'whats happening between changes?'

Intervention

- Introduced Provox Life Night (hydrogel) adhesive.

Day 13



Assessment

- Skin fully healed.
- New routine maintained.
- Skin care routines reinforced.

Day 20



Complete resolution

- Patient able to use HME 24/7.
- Mucus improved.
- Voicing reliable.

Real patient stories

Patient 2

- Suffering with extensive radiation dermatitis.
- Referred to the Atos Care nursing service during week 5 of radiotherapy.
- The patient continued to use baseplates despite advice as he had lost trust in healthcare professionals.
- Struggling to cope with their own care while caring for their unwell partner.



Initial visit



Assessment

- Patient suffering from radiation dermatitis.

Month 2



Intervention

- Atos Care nurse stopped base plate use during RT.
- Started patient on RT creams, appropriate skin cleaning and hygiene measures.

Month 3



Assessment

- Redness persisted during healing but patient was cleared to use baseplates.
- During a follow up the nurse noted baseplate removal issues causing mechanical skin stripping and tears.

Month 4



Intervention

- Patient changed to Provox Life routine, Sensitive adhesive during the day and Night adhesive while asleep.
- Patient saw continued skin improvement without further skin breakdown.



Atos Care Nursing Team

The Atos Care Nurses can play a vital role in supporting you and your teams in the management of patients with laryngectomy stomas, particularly in addressing skin care challenges that can significantly impact patient comfort, appliance adherence, and overall quality of life.



We know that good patient outcomes depend on full support, knowledge and routines, built on relationships of trust.

Find out how the Atos Care Nurses can help with managing peristomal skin issues for your patients.



Holistic skin assessment and care planning

Our field nurses conduct thorough assessments of each patient's peristomal skin condition, identify signs of irritation, breakdown or infection and develop tailored care plans.

These plans include appliance selection, skin barrier recommendations, and hygiene routines that align with each patient's lifestyle and clinical needs.



Education and empowerment

Our nurses educate patients and carers on best practices for stoma care, including cleaning techniques, skin protection strategies, and appliance handling.

This empowers patients to manage their condition confidently and reduces dependency on clinic visits for minor issues.



Appliance optimisation and troubleshooting

Skin issues are often linked to poor appliance fit or inappropriate product use. Atos Care nurses are trained to identify these issues and recommend suitable alternatives from our range of tracheostomy and laryngectomy appliances. They work closely with SLTs to ensure that appliance choices support both speech rehabilitation and skin integrity.



Collaborative documentation and communication

After each visit, nurses share detailed clinical notes with the referring SLT and relevant professionals, ensuring continuity of care and visibility of interventions.

This collaborative approach strengthens the partnership between Atos Care and SLT teams.



Early intervention and escalation

The Atos Care nurses will provide follow-up home visits and through that regular contact and monitoring, our nurses can detect early signs of skin deterioration and intervene promptly.

When necessary, they escalate concerns to SLTs or other healthcare professionals, ensuring timely multidisciplinary input and preventing complications that could lead to hospital admissions.



Data-driven service improvement

We are committed to capturing outcomes and feedback to inform service development. Our goal is to demonstrate the impact of nursing interventions on skin health, patient satisfaction, and NHS resource optimisation.

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