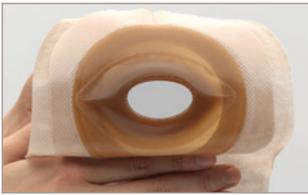


The Continuum of Convex Barrier Options

Convex barrier products have been utilized to help provide a secure and predictable seal. Product selection is made by matching stomal protrusion and peristomal contours to the appropriate barriers. The outward curving of the convex skin barrier is designed to interface with the immediate peristomal skin.

This interface depends not only on the depth, rigidity and gradient of the convex skin barrier but also on the shape and rigidity of the abdominal wall. For example, a flexible convex barrier can bend and move with the body; a firm convex skin barrier does not bend, rather it remains rigid. Appropriate barrier choice is left to the clinician's assessment of the patient and knowledge of ostomy products.

BARRIER EXAMPLE	POSSIBLE CLINICAL CASE SCENARIOS
 <p data-bbox="418 766 649 800">Flat Skin Barrier</p>	 <p data-bbox="1149 695 1380 728">Flat Skin Barrier</p> <ul data-bbox="1149 739 1510 856" style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat peristomal plane • Adequate stoma protrusion • Centered stoma opening
 <p data-bbox="418 989 711 1094">Flat Skin Barrier with Round or Oval Convex Barrier Ring</p>	 <p data-bbox="1149 947 1412 980">Flexible Convexity</p> <ul data-bbox="1149 991 1518 1108" style="list-style-type: none"> • Stoma flush with skin • Uneven peristomal plane • Off-centered stoma opening
 <p data-bbox="418 1283 641 1350">Integrated Soft Convex Barrier</p>	 <p data-bbox="1149 1213 1364 1247">Soft Convexity</p> <ul data-bbox="1149 1260 1510 1402" style="list-style-type: none"> • Gentle pressure required to peristomal plane • Flush stoma • Peristomal injury
 <p data-bbox="418 1545 690 1612">Integrated Convex Barrier</p>	 <p data-bbox="1149 1476 1372 1509">Firm Convexity</p> <ul data-bbox="1149 1522 1518 1694" style="list-style-type: none"> • Creases or folds in peristomal plane • Off-centered stoma opening • Stoma retracted below skin surface
 <p data-bbox="418 1776 690 1917">Integrated Convex Barrier with Round or Oval Convex Barrier Ring</p>	 <p data-bbox="1149 1749 1437 1816">Firm Convexity with More Depth</p> <ul data-bbox="1149 1829 1518 1946" style="list-style-type: none"> • Recessed or flush stoma • Uneven abdominal contours • Off-centered stoma opening

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