

Stomal Therapy Nurse Contact Details

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Role of the Stomal Therapy Nurse

The Stomal Therapy Nurse (**STN**) provides expert care and advice to patients, carers and medical staff on all aspects of stoma and fistula management.

Services provided:

- Pre-operative counselling for all patients undergoing possible stoma formation (colo-rectal & urological)
- Pre-operative siting
- Education and support, involving physical, psychological and emotional, for patients and carers who have had surgery resulting in stoma formation
- Provision of relevant literature relating to stomal therapy for hospital staff, patients, carers and community health professionals
- Organisation of stoma supplies and membership to relevant Association
- Advice and management of fistula and large wound management
- Assistance and support for patients that have long term drain tubes/fistulas
- Out-patient clinics for post-operative follow-up or general review of patients requiring stomal therapy care
- Education for Austin Health staff in relation to stoma management

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