Stoma Care Nursing (SCN) Pathway

IDENTIFIED PATHWAY

New patient referred to SCN pre-operatively

Pre-assessment clinic or at home or ward
Patient usually seen once but more often if needed & supplemented with phone calls to patient/family/carers

Admission to hospital

Surgery

In patient stay

Discharge from hospital

Follow-up
(home visit or clinic)

Planned re-admission for staged surgery or reversal

EMERGENCY SURGERY
SEEN BY SCN Dependent on patient's condition initial assessment
Basic information **S3**
Siting **S1**
Support for relatives **7 S3**

NO STOMA Discharged from SCN service

SCN INTERVENTION

Assessment **1**
Information **5 7 S3**
Support
Counselling **5 4 S3**
Education **7**
Decision making
?Referral **5 S3**

ERAS information **3 7 5**
Carer involvement **7**
Teaching **7 S3**
Discharge planning **7 S2**
Siting **S1**

Liaison with ward staff **2 7**

Check stoma site **1**
Supply initial equipment **8**

Assess & monitor stoma
Review appliances **1**
Education **7 S2**
Advice on diet and fluids **3**
Psychological support **S3**
Discharge planning **7**
Assess self-caring skills **7**

Appliance choice **5**
Discharge pack **7**
Liaison with GP **7 S2**
Liaison with Community Nurse **7 S2**
Referral to other SCN **7 S2**

Lifestyle information **S3**
Rehabilitation **S3**
Psychological support **S3**
Re-assess stoma and appliances **1 S2**
Alternative management methods **5**

Appliance re-assessment **1 S2 S3**
Telephone access **S2 S3**
Psychological support **S3**
Ongoing information **S2 S3**
Reversal information **7 5 S3**

DEVIATIONS FROM PATHWAY

EMERGENCY SURGERY
NOT seen by SCN
Educate 'Link Nurses'
Develop ward staff skills
Support for relatives

Complications = earlier admission or surgery delayed Support
Information
Education

Inter-operative complications or
Early intervention
Support
Information

Stoma complications
Early recognition & explanation
Support & education
Support for relatives
Referral if required

NOT SELF CARING
Identification of support
Education for carers
Liaison with carers
Liaison with GP & Community Nurse

Appliance re-assessment **1 S2**
Telephone access **S2**
Psychological support **S3**
Ongoing information **S2**
Support carers **7 S2**
Liaison with GP/DN **7 S2**

HIGH IMPACT ACTION

1 Your skin matters

2 Staying safe – Preventing falls

3 Keeping nourished – Getting better

4 Promoting normal birth

5 Important choices

6 Fit and well to care

7 Ready to go – No delays

8 Protection from infection

S1 Pre-operative stoma siting

S2 Preventing re-admission to hospital

S3 Reducing the psychological impact