Assessment form: Absorbent continence products



1. Information about the person

First name:			Fa	mily name:			Gender:	Male □	Female □	Other □
Age:	0-5 □	6-18		19-39 🗆	40-54 □	55+ □	Telephone:			
Address:										

2. Assessment interview

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Bowel, blade	der and ski	n health check	- ask the pers	son:					
Have you seen a health professional about your bladde or bowel control / problems with incontinence (leaks)?				er	Yes 🗆 No 🗆		If no PRefer to health professional for continence assessment		
Are you exp	eriencing:								
Sudden change in ability to feel or empty bladder / bowel?					s 🗆	No □	If yes to any ᠿRefer to		
Blood in urin	e or stool?			Yes	s 🗆	No □	health professional for medical attention immediately		
Liquid stool (diarrhoea) t	for 2 weeks or m	nore?	Yes	s 🗆	No □	attention ininiodiatory		
Signs of a ur	ine infectio	n? (describe sigr	ns to person)	Yes	s 🗆	No □	If yes to any 🖨 Refer to		
Constipation	? (describe	signs, see over	page)	Yes □ 1		No □	health professional for medical attention AND offer advice on		
		rash or pressure ck or groin area		Pressure wound ☐ Rash ☐ None ☐			how to avoid or manage the condition (see over page)		
Remember: y	ou may still	provide continen	ce products to I	help t	he person	contain	leaks while waiting for referral.		
Type of incontinence (leaks) - ask the person to describe what is happening:									
Urine leaks	Yes □	No □		Sto	ol leaks	Yes □	No □		
When	Day □	Night □		Wh	nen Day □		Night □		
How often	Occasiona	al □ Frequent □	Constant	Но	w often	Occas	ional □ Frequent □ Constant □		
Amount	Light □	Moderate □	Heavy □	Am	ount Light D		☐ Moderate ☐ Heavy ☐ resolid ☐ Mostly liquid ☐		
Occasional =	every now	and then; Frequ	ient = every da	ay; C	onstant =	constan	tly leaking		
Environmen	t, washing	and/or disposa	ıl – ask the pe	ersor	ո։				
Are your day time activities mainly at home, away from home or both?					Home □ Away from home □		If both, different products for each location may be needed		
Are you able to wash washable products? (Need space for washing and drying, time, water, soap,					Yes □ No □		If no, consider single use □ or ☐ Refer to WASH □		
Are you able to dry washable products easily? (Consider rainy season / winter / humidity)					Yes □ No □		If no , consider washable two piece □ single use □ both □		
Are you able to store and dispose of single use product: (Consider safe disposable with regular rubbish collection					Yes □ No □		If no, consider washable □		
Putting prod	lucts on ar	nd off – ask the	person:						
Are you able to change your product on your own? If not sure, person may try on products over underpants				yes □		No □	If no, ask if they want to include their assistant / family member in product selection		
Can you use your hands easily, to manage fasteners? If not sure, person may try on products over underpants					Yes □ No □		If no, consider products that can be easily pulled on or have simple fasteners.		
To put on you	ur products,	will you mostly:			Stand □ Sit □ Lie dow		See product selection table		

3. Measurements

Take measurements to help select the correct product size								
A: Waist (cm)								
B: Hips (cm)								
Other:	P							
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4. Plan

	Type of product	Recommended	Number of products			
	List all products including those for night and day, different activities, pads and/or liners.	changes each day	Washable At least 2 x daily changes	Single use 30 x daily changes for one month		
Provide continence	1. 🗗					
products	2. Ø					
	3. 🗗					
	4. Ø					
Refer to	Health care □ Continence care □ Other □ Ø					
Teach about	Healthy bladder ☐ Healthy bowel ☐ Skin protection ☐ Fo How to use ☐ How to wash ☐ How to dispose of ☐ Planning to go out ☐					

Other information

Possible health problem	What people may experience	Immediate actions to advise	G
Signs of urine infection	 ✓ Urine is dark, cloudy, strong smelling ✓ Needing to pass urine more than usual ✓ Discomfort during or after passing urine ✓ Fever or feeling unwell 	Drink water regularly to flush out infection Approximately 12 glasses (3 litres) or until urine is clear in colour Avoid: tea/coffee/carbonated (fizzy) drinks	All of these a
Signs of constipation	 ✓ Empties bowels less than 3 times a week ✓ Has to strain (push hard) to pass small amounts of hard, dry stool ✓ Feels uncomfortable, painful or bloated (swollen) feelings in stomach area 	Drink water regularly and eat foods with fibre (for example fresh fruit, vegetables, nuts and beans). This can help to soften and pass stool. Try going to toilet directly after eating If possible, try going to the toilet in a squat position or sitting with feet on a stool (knees higher than hips).	conditions health prof
Signs of a rash	✓ Red or dark rash on swollen, irritated skin where it has been in contact with urine or stool (bottom, thighs, lower back or groin)	Clean skin with water and if available a liquid cleanser. Try to avoid soap as this dries out skin. Pat skin dry gently rather than rubbing Always clean skin immediately after any leaks	require referral to essional.
Signs of a pressure wound	✓ Red or dark marks or an open wound on skin; caused by pressure on the skin.	Remove pressure Avoid urine and stool coming into direct contact with skin or open wounds.	