

# Guidance: treating suspected infection of enteral stoma site

<b>PREVENTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure stoma site is cleaned daily and thoroughly dried to avoid moisture built up</li><li>• Ensure that fixation device is secured 0.5cm from abdomen to reduce tube movement within tract and use securement device such as Cinch to hold end of tube</li><li>• Check that neither the stoma site nor the enteral tube is irritated by clothing or other restrictions</li></ul>
<b>GP / DOCTOR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refer patient to GP/ ward doctor for initial review of stoma site</li><li>• Follow guidance as per steps below</li></ul>
<b>TREAT &amp; REVIEW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clean stoma site 2-3 times daily with Prontosan wash</li><li>• If infection appears localised, commence treatment with topical antimicrobial/corticosteroid combination cream such as Fucidin H</li><li>• Apply antimicrobial cream 2-3 times daily after cleaning</li><li>• Apply polyurethane foam or gauze keyhole dressing as needed</li><li>• If infection suspected to be systemic, swab and await results and then consider topical/systemic drug as recommended by microbiologist</li><li>• Review at least every 2 weeks until healed</li></ul>
<b>REFER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If remains unresolved: swab site if not done so already and continue with topical treatment while awaiting swab results. Consider systemic drug as recommended by microbiologist</li><li>• If no improvement to stoma site and infection continues, complete the enteral referral form on EPR</li></ul>
<b>MONITOR</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Once stoma site fully healed, ensure prescribed dressings/cream/ drugs are discontinued as no longer needed. Amend Prontosan wash to once daily maintenance dose</li><li>• Continue to monitor the stoma site daily for signs of recurrent infection</li></ul>