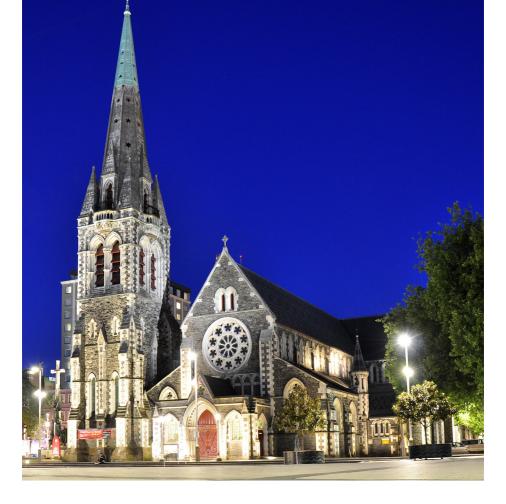
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Can you believe it is half way through the year, winter is definitely coming, it is time to get out our woollies and dust off our heaters. I must say I am sitting here with my heater on and a blanket over my knees while I'm writing this.

History was made this month with us getting a new King and Queen. The Coronation was the big event, I'm sure it was celebrated by many. I personally was involved in hosting a High Tea for our Senior Citizens in my community for the special event, we all wore crowns and tiaras and ate cucumber sandwiches etc and of course we had the King's quiche which the King had said that he had wanted for the Coronation so we had to have it too. It was a great day enjoyed by all.

We too have our own big event happening in September which I hope that many of you can come along to help us celebrate it. Our Conference is in Christchurch this year, which I hope will be easier for you to get to. Our Executive is hosting it, which is a first, normally the local Societies host them, but for logistical reasons this year the Executive took it on. It is the most exciting time for us all. I am so looking so forward to meeting up with you all, I have always loved going to Conferences, and as I have been an Ostomate for 40 years I have been to lots of Conferences and have enjoyed them all in different ways. I

have made many friends along the way, and with luck will make some more this year.

The Executive continues to hold meetings throughout the year, it is much easier to have Zoom meetings than having to meet up in person, and as we all work full time having a Zoom meeting at night works well for us all.

We are here for all Ostomates so please feel free to contact any of us if you need anything. There is always room for more people to come on to the Executive at our AGM, we would love to have some new faces. We work very well together as a team; we all have own strengths which works well for us all.

I would like to once again thank our Executive Brent H, David, Brent S, Robyn and Michael for the ongoing support they give me and each other on the Executive, especially with the Conference coming up and all the work that goes into making it a successful weekend.

Life is short and life is for living, so please live your life to the full and love it.

Jan Haines FNZOS President



Evan's Story

One morning in August 2002 when living in UK I noticed a smear of blood on the toilet paper. I thought nothing of it and flushed the loo. About three weeks later blood appeared on the toilet paper again. I felt no pain nor was there blood in the stools. Eight weeks later the blood reappeared and I almost ignored it. But I decided to get it checked out and made an appointment with my GP for 20 December 2002. I felt a bit foolish, but my GP told me that blood from any orifice must be investigated. He made an appointment with the local hospital for further checks.

On 9 January 2003, another doctor probed my rectum with an endoscope and found a polyp from which he took a sample for biopsy. A week later I attended hospital again and was taken to a private room. The doctor who did the endoscope came this time with a consultant and a nurse. Would I like to sit down, the nurse asks? "No, thank you," I reply. All three are staring at me. The atmosphere is ominous. The consultant told me that the biopsy had cancerous cells in the sample.

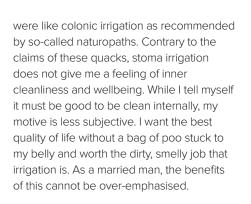
"Are you saying I have bowel cancer?" "Yes", came the answer from the consultant, "you have bowel cancer."

How is one is supposed to react? "What's next?" I inquired. More tests to determine the extent of the cancer. "Let's get on with it then." I must have seemed rude, but I didn't know what else to say. I'd heard how slow the publicly funded National Health Service could be. I was wrong. Things moved very quickly indeed. A blood test, a CT scan, and an excruciating sigmoidoscopy (inflating my bowel with air) all happened in the next three weeks. I was interviewed by a colorectal surgeon and a specialist nurse who explained my cancer and what would happen. An abdominoperineal resection (APR) would remove my bowel tumour hopefully without radio or chemotherapy. And it proved to be so. Bowel cancer, it was explained, is classified by Duke's stages. A Duke's A tumour is contained entirely within the colon. Duke's B is where the cancer has spread to the peristalsis muscles around the intestine. The next is Duke's C is where the cancer progresses to the lymph nodes. The most serious is Duke's D where the cancer has reached the liver. I had an early Duke's A tumour and depending on where the tumour was and how much surrounding tissue was removed. I would have a temporary or permanent colostomy with a bag to collect my poo.

The operation took place on 14 February 2003, a not-so-romantic Valentine's present! Because the tumour was very low my colostomy is permanent. If the tumour had been higher up, the colon could have been re-joined without a colostomy. Ironically, if the tumour had been higher up, the telltale blood may not have been so evident, and I may not have been aware that I had bowel cancer till other symptoms appeared. Crucially, it was explained, if I had not taken early action the cancer may have spread to become Duke's C or D cancer and I would not be here twenty years later typing this letter.

The AP Resection also removed my anal sphincter muscle so I have no conscious control of my bowel. I manage with stoma irrigation. Every morning I sit on the loo and feed about a litre of body-temperature drinking water by gravity into my stoma and intestine. After about a minute peristalsis muscles (that I have no control over) push out the faeces into a plastic drain at my stoma and down the toilet. Because it is mixed with water, the poo is mostly liquid rather than solid stool. In a guarter hour I can peg the drain, leave the loo, and do other things like make a cup of coffee returning to the loo as required. Movement stops after about 45 minutes. Then I (usually) stay clean to the irrigation wearing only a discreet stoma cap instead of a bag.

When I first tried irrigation, I wondered if it



The colorectal surgeon told me to watch my diet and avoid red meat and high-fat foods such as cheese. I confess to eating both albeit in moderation. My advice on bowel cancer is don't leave it to luck. Any blood from your anus, however

little, see your doctor and get to the bottom of it.



Evan Robinson



Travelling with a Colostomy Bag

The following information is provided to support passengers travelling with medical items.

If you use a colostomy bag, you do not need to tell the officer before entering the walk through metal detector, as it may not trigger the alarm. If an alarm goes off you will be screened by an officer with a hand held metal detector or via a body scanner.

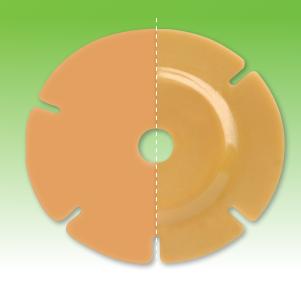
If you are to be screened by an officer with a hand held metal detector, you do not have to tell the officer unless the metal detector alarms in vicinity of the colostomy bag. If they request to view the colostomy bag you can request this occur in private, out of the view of others.

If you are screened through a body scanner, you do not need to tell the officer before you enter that you have a colostomy bag, however once you have exited, it is important you tell the officer conducting the search.

Following the body scanner you will be subject to a pat-down search which involves an officer, of the same gender, running or patting their hand over the clothed areas of your person. As part of this process the officer may request to view the colostomy bag. You can request this search occur in private, out of the view of others.



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Nutrition for People with a Stoma - Alex Govan

What affects stoma output?

- Site of the stoma
- Amount of proximal gut resected
- Length of time patient has had the stoma –gut adaptation
- Previous radiation or chemotherapy
- Underlying disease or infection
- Bacterial overgrowth
- Medications
- Food and fluids taken

Goals of Dietary Management

- Prevent stoma blockage after surgery
- Promote healing of stoma wound and area of resection
- Allow adaptation of the bowel
- Minimise unpleasant gastrointestinal upset such as flatulence, diarrhoea, constipation and odours
- Make up for nutrient losses of fluids and electrolytes
- Eat a variety of foods
- Avoid unintentional weight loss

General healthy eating

- Include food from the four food groups
- Breads and cereals
- Dairy
- Meat and meat alternatives
- Fruit and vegetables
- Variety is key
- Individual only avoid foods which cause unacceptable symptoms for you e.g. blockages or high output

Colostomy

- Part of the colon brought through an opening (stoma) and attached to the skin on the stomach
- Output may be loose after surgery for a short time
- Bowel adapts and absorbs more fluid so colostomy output is more formed

- Output varies person to person
- If a large section of your bowel was removed, your stoma is more likely to work more often and have a more toothpaste consistency
- If most of the colon is intact, the output will be more formed and less frequent
- No special diet, nothing you should avoid long term
- If certain foods don't agree with you post surgery, try to reintroduce at a later stage

lleostomy

- End part of the small bowel (ileum) brought out to a stoma
- Colon bypassed which absorbs water & salt
- Often liquid output post surgery
- As the bowel adapts it starts to take up more fluid than it used to
- Normal ileostomy output 500ml 1L
- Any output >1L is considered a high output

Foods which can cause blockages

- After an ileostomy formation, is recommended to avoid high fibre foods
 6-8 weeks post surgery until swelling of bowel resolves
- You shouldn't need to avoid these long term – reintroduce foods gradually in moderation, chop and chew well
- Wholegrain products such as breads and cereals such as muesli
- Coarse, fibrous and windy vegetables such as onions, peas, cabbage, peppers, corn and legumes such as baked beans
- Fruit with skins seeds and pips and dried fruit e.g. pineapple, figs, berries
- Nuts unless in smooth nut butter, popcorn, coconut
- It is important you try all foods and only avoid those which keep causing problems. Everyone is different.

Fluid Intake

- Normal requirement is ~1800-2000ml/day
- Higher risk of dehydration with an ileostomy due to missing part of bowel which absorbs water
- If losing more than 1L fluid from stoma contact dietitian, stoma nurse or doctor
- Best fluids include water, electrolyte replacement drinks (hydralyte, electral), soups and broth
- Avoid fizzy drinks and excess tea, coffee
- If output is high, avoid drinks high in sugar and artificial sweeteners as these can increase output

Dehydration

- Signs: Feeling thirsty, Dry mouth, Feeling faint, Tired, Headaches, Dark urine
- What to do if dehydrated: Increase fluid, especially rehydration solutions
- Seek medical help

Avoiding sodium and potassium depletion

- More likely if output is high
- Potassium depletion can cause muscle weakness, bloating, fatigue, leg cramps and shortness of breath
- Foods high in potassium include bananas, orange juice milk and cup of soup
- Sodium depletion can cause loss of appetite, drowsiness, abdominal cramps, feeling cold and feeling faint
- Foods high in sodium include soups, tomato juice, cheese, vegemite and soy sauce and adding salt to meals
- Electrolyte replacement drinks contain both

Thickening output

- Psyllium husk/Metamucil
- Loperamide (from doctor)
- Foods to thicken output e.g. white bread, banana, porridge, smooth peanut butter, white rice, marshmallows
- Reduce caffeinated/sugary beverages, artificial sweeteners, alcohol and spicy foods

- Rehydration solutions including St Marks
 Solution
- A word on salt:
- Most people have enough salt in their day
- If you follow a low salt diet, your output is high or you do strenuous work/exercise you may need to increase your intake
- Do this by adding salt to food and during cooking, including salty foods such as marmite, cheese, soup or soy sauce

Avoiding constipation

- Adequate fluids
- At least 2L per day
- Regular fibre from fruit, vegetables and wholegrain foods
- No need to avoid fibres long term unless indicated by dietitian
- Increase slowly to avoid excess wind/ worsening constipation
- Prune juice or kiwifruit can be helpful
- Regular activity as able

Blockage symptoms + treatment

- No output for more than 6 hours as well as: • Abdominal bloating
- Abdominal cramping
- Nausea or vomiting

What to do?

- Stop solids but continue to drink liquids
- Rest with a heat pack/take pain relief
- Massage the area around your stoma/ abdomen
- Never take laxatives
- If pain continues go to ED

Gas/odour

- Possible gas & odour forming foods: Asparagus, baked beans, beans, beer, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, cabbage, carbonated drinks, cauliflower, corn, cucumber, eggs, fish, garlic, lentils, onion, raisins, cheese, chewing gun
- To decrease odour, try: Orange juice, Yoghurt, Parsley, Buttermilk

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I note your first-hand experience of this since 2010 when you joined the local welfare group of the Ashburton Civil Defence Emergency Management Team and that you deployed in 2011 to provide welfare assistance to people affected by the Christchurch earthquakes. Since then, I understand you have remained active in Ashburton providing welfare assistance to the community on numerous occasions.

Your dedication, sacrifice, and commitment in numerous emergency events during your years of service have stood your community in good stead and is appreciated by the New Zealand Government.

Please also convey my thanks to those closest to you, who no doubt supported you along the journey and made sacrifices of their own.

Yours sincerely,

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Sarah Lawrence, Exercise Physiologist, WA

Follow for at least 6-8 weeks after surgery

General guidelines

- To protect wound healing, avoid lifting, pushing or pulling objects more than 2-3kg.
- Over time, you may be able to slowly increase how much weight you can lift. For now, go slow,
- Learn new ways to stand and sit, while avoiding. holding your breath or straining your abdomen.
- Take care of your personal hygiene including daily washing to reduce the risks of wound infection.

Getting in and out of bed

GET OUT OF BED

Use a "log roll" method to get out of bed.

1. While lying on your bed, draw your knees up and gently roll onto your side.

2. Swing your legs off the edge of the bed whilst at the same time using your arms to push vourself up into a sitting ' position. Try to keep your stomach muscles as relaxed as possible - use the momentum of your legs to help you to come up to a seated position.

Standing up from a bed. chair, or toilet

- Begin a light walking exercise programme.
- Allow yourself time to rest in the day and slowly resume normal activities and hobbies.
- Avoid kicking or pushing heavy objects with your legs or feet.

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3. Sit on the edge of the bed for

before standing or walking.

a moment to regain your balance

1. Bring your feet in close to you,

with your feet hip-width apart.

2.Lean forwards from the hips

3. Keep your stomach relaxed the

whole time by remembering to

breathe. Push through your legs

keeping your back straight.

to stand up.

 Consider using an abdominal support garment. Speak to your stoma nurse for correct garment selection and use.

> A support garment can help keep your stomach musc relaxed and provide ort while yo heal. This is important in the early stages of recovery.

GET INTO BED

Reverse the process for getting out of bed. Sit on the side of the bed near the top third of the bed. Lower yourself onto your elbow and swing your legs up at the same time, ensuring your stomach muscles stay relaxed.

From here you can comfortably roll onto your back, keeping your hips and knees aligned.

To sit down, perform this process in reverse, bending at the hips as if taking a bow and slowly lowering yourself onto the chair.

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FNZOS Conference 2023

While working on planning for next year's conference it became clear that it was going to be very expensive. Since the location of Rotorua was originally chosen, motels have been used for social housing so there is now little alternative accommodation available - and that will be at a premium. Accordingly, the Executive Council decided to look at further options. The last conference to be held in South Island was back in 2013, so it was decided to explore the options there. Christchurch looked to be the best bet for flights while having a good range of venues and accommodation. After investigations, the Executive Council has selected The Richmond Club for the venue, with well priced accommodation available at the Bealey Quarter within a short walk.

Richmond Club - 75 London Street, Richmond, Christchurch

The time frame for the conference remains the same and will run from Friday 8th till Sunday 10th of September. We are still finalising speakers and sponsors so anyone with some connections please contact me brenthamlin02@gmail.com More information will be sent out in our magazine early next year. If you want to book early, please contact: Bealy Quarter

P: 0800 115 043 | M: 021 328 336 | E: groups@bealeyquarter.co.nz As all the rooms have been booked for the conference you will need to call or email them – please quote Reference number 174776 and the name it is booked under is FNZOS There are other motel options along Bealey Avenue that you are welcome to book

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FNZOS CONFERENCE & AGM 8th-9th-10th September 2023 The Richmond Club, 75 London St, Richmond, Christchurch.

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Includes: Friday Evening, Saturday am & pm 7	ea/Coffee & Lunch, Sunday	/ Light Lunch
FRIDAY EVENING ONLY meet & greet with ni	bbles \$20	\$
SATURDAY CONFERENCE ONLY	\$70	\$
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SATURDAY DINNER & DANCE	\$70	\$
SUNDAY LIGHT LUNCH	\$20	\$
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RSVP by: Saturday, 7th August 2023

Post Registration Form to: B Hamlin, 68 Tutaipatu Ave, Pegasus 7612

Or E-mail to : conference@ostomy.org.nz

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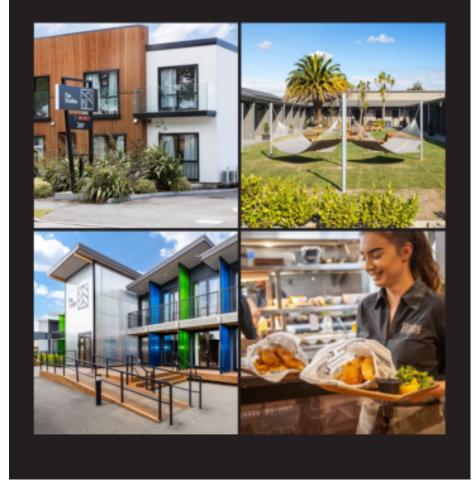
Will be emailed if possible or available at registration desk

Registration desk opening times will be detailed in a further information pack emailed closer to the conference date.

Canterbury Ostomy Society will be offering transfers from and to the airport and bus depots. Please indicate if you are likely to need transfers Y/N We will email you seeking flight numbers etc closer to the date. Transport from the Bealey Quarter to and from the conference venue will be provided so you do not need to book this in advance

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