

**Michigan**  
**COMMUNITY INTEGRATED PARAMEDICINE**  
**Procedure Protocol**  
**OSTOMY BAG REPLACEMENT**

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*This protocol is for trained CIP Paramedics only. If during assessment, procedure, or treatment the patient is found to have a medical emergency in need of hospital treatment, the CIP visit will be suspended, and local MCA protocols utilized.*

**Purpose:** Provide guidelines for CIP paramedics to change an ostomy bag and/or evaluate efficacy and make a referral for ineffective ostomies.

**Aliases:** Colostomy, ileostomy.

- I. Indications
  - a. Need for bag replacement or evaluation for complaints including blockage, damage, or signs of infection.
- II. Equipment
  - a. One or two-piece ostomy appliance
- III. Procedure for bag change
  - a. Examine the ostomy site for herniation, bleeding, or signs of infection.
    - i. If signs of herniation, bleeding or infection are present contact referring physician for orders.
  - b. Identify ostomy appliance as either a one piece or a two-piece appliance.
  - c. Measure the ostomy site if it is less than 6 weeks old.
  - d. Remove per manufacturer's directions.
  - e. Remove excess stool from skin
  - f. Prepare skin/site for replacement of flange/wafer if applicable.
  - g. Place following manufacturer's directions
  - h. Concerns that present threats to the patient's immediate health and well-being must be reported to the referring physician at the conclusion of the visit, all other concerns within 24 hours.
- IV. Documentation **see CIP Documentation protocol**