

# EMPTYING ILEOSTOMY/COLOSTOMY BAG OBSERVATION CHECKLIST

## Site Orientation

**X = successfully completed  
demonstrated or verbalized**

**O = unsuccessfully completed  
not observed or verbalized**

At a minimum, the following was covered:

- Review location and content of Physician Orders and Standing Order lists
- Explanation of treatment
- Location of facility drug reference
- Treatment storage issues
- Medications administration records used in the facility
- Documentation including prescribed and PRN
- Medication error forms and procedure

The following steps have been evaluated for **Emptying Ileostomy or Colostomy bag**:

- 1. Wash your hands
- 2. Gather your supplies; gloves, goggles, wipes or paper towel, container to empty stool into, and disinfectant.
- 3. Inform consumer what you are about to do.
- 4. Provide privacy.
- 5. Put gloves on.
- 6. Loosen clothing to view the entire bag & stoma (site). Observe skin around stoma for changes in color, excessive bleeding, swelling, or any other changes.
- 7. Unroll the bottom of bag and empty into designated container.
- 8. Wipe drainage edge of bag to clean any excess stool off.
- 9. Add odor drops if have them.
- 10. Roll bottom edge up and secure with attached Velcro or Colostomy clip.
- 11. Empty contents from container into toilet after measuring if required.
- 12. Then rinse and spray container with disinfectant after each use.
- 13. Remove gloves & wash hands.
- 14. Document/Record as needed.

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