

Change and Disposal Tips

CHANGE INDICATOR AS A WETNESS GAUGE

All Attends briefs and shaped pads feature a change indicator that runs from end to end of the outer covering. The indicator can help in determining when the brief or pad should be changed. The change indicator turns from yellow to blue when the user has voided. The brief or pad should be changed when the wetness indicator has become activated, or per your facility's change protocol. A product should always be changed if it is soiled with feces.



CHANGE INDICATOR AS AN ALIGNMENT AID

When applying an Attends pad or brief, the change indicator can help a caregiver know where to properly position the product. The top of the change indicator on the back side of the brief or pad should be placed at the person's coccyx. This will help center the product properly and allow for enough of it to be pulled up through the groin.



APPLICATION TIPS

Bigger does not mean more absorbent: The size of a product has nothing to do with its absorbency. However, fitting residents with the appropriate size is critical to ensuring the product doesn't leak. Products should fit like a pair of underwear without large gaps at the thigh or waistline.

Proper Fit Equals Optimal Performance: With a brief, the front and back should be level at the waist. The back of a pad should remain slightly higher than the front. The product should be snug against the perineal area and smooth over the abdomen. Outer covering should always remain away from the skin. Ensure the ruffles of the leg gathers are always folded out.

Angle Tape Tabs for Secure Fit: Fasten the bottom tabs first pulling them up at an angle and then fasten the top tabs pulling them downwards. This helps to hug the resident's hips and prevents the product from sliding down, especially for the ambulatory or restless resident.

Hand Cleanliness: Make sure there are no powders, oils, or creams on your hands when handling the tape tabs. This will inhibit their ability to be refastened.

DISPOSAL OF SOILED PRODUCTS

Dispose of soiled products by rolling them into a ball, securing with the tape tabs, and placing them in a garbage receptacle outside of the resident's room. Close or tie off all plastic garbage bags tightly and place in utility room containing soiled products. This will reduce the odor within the facility. Garbage bags should be removed from the facility on a regular basis. Always follow your facility's guidelines for disposal of soiled products.