

# Clinician RESOURCES

Here is a list of valuable ostomy resources, some suggested by our colleagues who follow *Wound Care Advisor* on Twitter.



## United Ostomy Association of America

The **United Ostomy Association of America** provides comprehensive resources for patients, including information about the types of ostomies and issues related to nutrition, sexuality, and travel. Much of the information is also available in Spanish and can be downloaded for free from the website.



## National Guideline Clearinghouse

Part of the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, the **National Guideline Clearinghouse** makes it easy for clinicians to search for evidence-based guidelines related to the care of patients with ostomies. Clinicians can also read expert

commentaries, access guideline syntheses, and compare multiple guidelines to easily assess similarities and differences.



## National Comprehensive Cancer Network

Many patients who have an ostomy do so because of cancer. It's important that clinicians understand the treatment patients receive. One resource is the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), which has guidelines for treating various types of cancer, including colon cancer. NCCN has information for both patients and health-care professionals, including pocket versions of the guidelines. Free registration is required to access the material.



## Experts

Certified wound care nurses provide a high level of expertise that clinicians can tap into, while patients with ostomies can offer key insights and practical tips. In addition, companies that sell ostomy products often have valuable education material. ■