

Enterostomal Therapy

Enterostomal Therapy is the treatment of patients with surgically constructed connections between the intestines and the skin (Colostomy, Ileostomy, Urostomy).

In 1958, the first school of Enterostomal Therapy was created at The Cleveland Clinic by Dr. Rupert B. Turnbull and Mr. Norma Gill. Since then, most advanced medical institutions have recognized the importance of Enterostomal Therapy and have trained enterostomal therapists on their staffs.

The success of operations that require intestinal stomas is determined by the skill of the surgeon, the placement of the stoma and the pre- and post operative care and education provided by the enterostomal therapist. Dr. Launer is a graduate of the school of enterostomal therapy and Dr. Launer, Dr. Worsey and Dr. Salganick have extensive experience constructing and caring for patients with colostomies, ileostomies and urostomies. In addition, their team includes a stoma therapy nurse with many years of experience, and has special expertise managing some of the unique problems that arise in patient's with the Koch continent ileostomy or J-Pouch.