

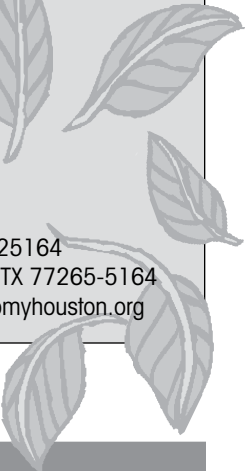


# Ostomy Association of the Houston Area

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We are a volunteer-based organization dedicated to providing education, information, support and advocacy for people who have had or will have intestinal or urinary diversions.

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www.ostomyhouston.org



Monthly support and information meetings are held in three locations for member convenience.

### Central Group

**Monthly:** Third Monday  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** American Cancer Society Building  
6301 Richmond Avenue, Houston  
**Contact:** Terry Marriott 713-668-8433  
marriott@rice.edu  
**Meeting:** **Monday, September 21, 2009**  
**Program:** **Guest Speaker: Lynn Simpson, Pharm.D.,  
University of Houston College of Pharmacy**

### Baytown Group

**Monthly:** First Monday  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Community Room in Lobby of San Jacinto  
Methodist Hospital  
4401 Garth Road, Baytown  
**Contact:** Cindy Barefield 281-420-8671  
**Meeting:** **Wednesday, September 9, 2009**  
**Program:** **Presentation by San Jacinto Methodist  
Hospital Dietitians: Nutrition for Ostomates—  
Preventing Gastrointestinal Distress**

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### Northwest Group

**Monthly:** Tuesday following the third Monday  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** NW Medical Professional Bldg.  
(The Cali Bldg.)  
17117 Cali Drive, Houston (This location is just off of 1960 and west of I-45. Turn north on Cali Drive from 1960. At the stop sign turn left on Judiwood and left again to park behind the Cali Building.)  
**Contact:** Tony Romeo 281-537-0681  
sa1tmr@sbcglobal.net  
**Meeting:** **Tuesday, September 22, 2009**  
**Program:** **Guest Speaker:  
E. C. "Chip" Winkel III, M.D., Urologist**

### J-Pouch Group

**Monthly:** Third Monday  
**Time:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** American Cancer Society Building  
6301 Richmond Avenue, Houston  
**Contact:** Ron Meisinger 281-491-8220  
**Meeting:** **Monday, September 21, 2009**  
**Program:** **General Discussion**

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We are a health support group, a non-profit, tax-exempt, organization of volunteers whose purpose is to provide mutual aid and education to persons who have ostomies and to their families. We are a Texas non-profit corporation. Membership fees and donations are tax deductible.

## Central Group News

There were 19 in attendance at the August 17th Central Group meeting. The Coloplast representative who was supposed to have had the program was replaced earlier in the summer and the new representative was not ready to do a presentation yet, so we had a roundtable discussion instead. The new Coloplast representative will be giving a program early next year.

We had a brand new ileostomy patient, Charles, with Crohn's disease visiting the meeting who had a number of questions that we helped him answer as part of our roundtable discussion. He will be attending graduate school in chemical engineering this fall and seems to be adapting very well for only being out of surgery less than a month; this could possibly be because he is also a patient of our resident ET, Clarice.

We also found out that another of our Crohn's ileostomy people, Emilie, had attended the National UOAA convention in New Orleans during the first week of August and she has agreed to give a presentation on what she saw and heard at the convention for our November 16th meeting.

For our September 21st meeting we are scheduled to have Lynn Simpson, Pharm.D., who is an University of Houston College of Pharmacy Professor who will be giving us information on some of the medications that we take and possible problems that ostomates may experience such as poor or incomplete absorption.

See you all in September,

**Terry Marriott**

*We encourage you to bring your spouse or significant other and members of your immediate family to our meetings.*



**The United Ostomy Associations of America (UOAA) can be contacted at [www.uoaa.org](http://www.uoaa.org) or 800-826-0826.**

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## Baytown Group News

In August, Baytown Support Group gathered for its bi-monthly "Roundtable." The timing seemed perfect for three ostomates who shared the challenges of their recent surgeries in May of this year. What a remarkable opportunity to see the caring and sharing within this group.

Whether you see yourself as a seasoned pro who never has a problem or a "newbie" who never leaves the house without an arsenal of products just in case something happens, sharing the challenges you have overcome is learning to cope step-by-step, day-by-day and perhaps even helping someone else.

Appreciate everyone who came out. We shared a lot of great discussion, laughter and information. We trumped our previous all-time high for attendance.

September meeting will be rescheduled from first Monday to Wednesday (September 9th at 7:00 p.m.) because of the Labor Day Holiday.

We will have a presentation from San Jacinto Methodist Hospital Dietitians that you won't want to miss:

*"Nutrition for Ostomates—Preventing Gastrointestinal Distress."*

Hope to see you there!

**Cindy Barefield, RN, WOCN**  
281-420-8671

## Northwest Group News

The Northwest group enjoyed a summer blowout gathering of 13 attendees. Patti provided a PowerPoint presentation on the United Ostomy Associations of America's (UOAA) history and activities. Some important UOAA officer elections are coming up next month and all active members are encouraged to vote. We had an old timer come back to visit and a new surgical candidate at this meeting. Extensive discussions around what types of pouching systems were used has inspired a "Show and Tell" meeting planned for later this fall. Carol brought some yummy dip and chips and a cinnamon swirl cake. We wish both of our Jennifers healthy recoveries and a quick return to our group. Dr. E. C. "Chip" Winkel III, a local prominent urologist, will be joining us for the September meeting. Dr. Winkel has spoken at our group before and never fails to educate and entertain everyone with his down to earth style and information. This is a great opportunity for urostomates to enjoy some quality time with an urologist outside of the exam room, join us!

**Gay Nell Faltysek**  
281-446-0444

**Tony Romeo**  
281-537-0681

## Nutrition for People with Ostomies

By Kathy Glazer, MS, RD, LD, Registered & Licensed Dietitian

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### Fluids and Beverages

Get enough fluids—Aim for 8–10 8 oz. glasses a day (64–80 ounces).

Drink more when you sweat or have diarrhea, as well as other times you lose extra fluid.

Avoid dehydration.

Drink decaffeinated coffee and teas and non-carbonated beverages.

Some foods/drinks may cause odors, diarrhea or gas: beer, alcoholic beverages, carbonated drinks.

### Signs and Symptoms of Dehydration

When a body has lost 2% of its total fluid—Thirst, loss of appetite, dry skin, skin flushing, dark colored urine, dry mouth, fatigue or weakness, chills, head rushes.

When a body has lost 5% of its total fluid—Increased heart rate, increased respiration, decreased sweating, decreased urination, increased body temperature, extreme fatigue, muscle cramps, headaches, nausea, tingling of the limbs.

When a body has lost 10% of its total fluid—CALL FOR EMERGENCY HELP—Muscle spasms, vomiting, racing pulse, shriveled skin, dim vision, painful urination, confusion, difficulty breathing, seizures, chest and abdominal pain, unconsciousness.

### Treatment for Dehydration

Let person drink small sips of water, Gatorade, or Pedialyte very slowly.

Eating salty foods may make a person more dehydrated—you need fluids to digest the food.

With severe symptoms, get medical attention immediately.

Person may need IV fluids to rehydrate.



### Foods that may cause Diarrhea

Spicy foods, such as chili.

High-fat foods such as fried chicken, french fries, etc.

Foods with added sugar—candy, chocolate, pie, cake or cookies as well as caffeinated drinks and dairy products.

Prune juice, grape juice, apple juice.

## Flu Information, Prevention and Management

Sources UOAA Update 02/2009, CDC

A lot of panic occurred this year when the “swine flu” crossed onto American soil. Schools closed, businesses sent workers home and disinfectant sales rocketed. The flu virus names are based on their location or source. Avian flu, canine flu, swine flu and pandemic flu are some of the newer ones. For ostomates, the flu threat can carry extra consequences.

UOAA President Ken Aukett recently described his viral experience, “I was confined to a hospital bed for 5 days... dehydration and electrolyte imbalance caused by severe nausea and diarrhea. This is not something to fool with...If you have the symptoms—and there is no mistaking them—get immediate professional help...”

Prevention is the key concept of all of the education programs. If you do not get the virus, you do not get sick. If you become infected, there are new treatments available to minimize the course of the illness.

### Prevention

Flu shot—flu shots are available everywhere, check with your doctor or local pharmacist, do not delay.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Stay home when you are sick. This is not the time to attend that family wedding.

If sick, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, discard tissues once used.

Wash your hands frequently. Use hand sanitizers and disinfectants.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. These areas are the main entry points for the virus into the body.

Practice healthy habits: good sleep, stress management, keep hydrated, eat nutritious food.

### Symptoms

Fever (usually) high, extreme tiredness, sore throat, muscle aches, headache, dry cough, runny or stuffy nose, stomach symptoms such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea

### Treatment

Stay home.

Get lots of rest, fluids and avoid alcohol, tobacco.

New antiviral treatments can minimize the intensity and duration of illness.

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## Flu Information, Prevention and Management

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### At Risk

Serious flu illness is more likely in people 65 or older, pregnant women, people with chronic medical conditions and young children. Consult your doctor early for the best treatment options. Be aware of and watch for emergency warning signs where urgent medical attention is warranted:

### Emergency Warning Signs (Adults)

- Confusion
- Sudden dizziness
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Difficulty breathing, shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen

### Ostomates

**Colostomates** should refrain from irrigation during flu-related diarrhea. Give your colon a few days to return to normal after the diarrhea has ceased before resuming irrigation.

**Urostomates** need to keep their electrolytes in balance by following the general instructions for flu treatment.

**Ileostomates** are at the higher risk from a loss of electrolytes resulting in serious dehydration. Helpful hints offered for ileostomates dealing with electrolyte loss include a reduction in solid food intake, increasing potassium by drinking tea, bouillon, and ginger ale. Obtain sodium from saltine crackers, salty pretzels, and tomato juice. Bottom line—drink lots of fluids, water, cranberry juice, orange juice.

### Resources for More Information

www.cdc.gov/flu  
 www.flu.gov  
 Your doctor

### Living in Texas *Internet Humor Collections*

You may live in Texas if:

*Someone offers you assistance in a store and they don't work there.*

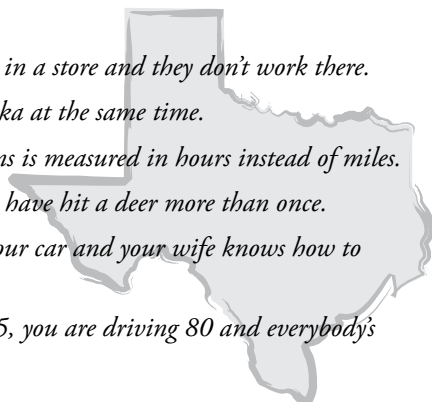
*You've worn shorts and a parka at the same time.*

*The distance between locations is measured in hours instead of miles.*

*You know several people who have hit a deer more than once.*

*You carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them.*

*The highway speed limit is 65, you are driving 80 and everybody's passing you.*



## Who Are We?—The Series Edgar Wood, Outreach Chairman



Edgar Wood is currently serving as our Outreach Chairman. This elected position carries the responsibilities of maintaining communication with the members, health care providers, and newspapers. Ed also represents us and provides members to any

events that request a table or representative of the Houston Ostomy Association. You can read more about this type of support in our past April 2009 newsletter.

Serving as the Outreach Chairman is not Ed's first position. He has held the positions of the Telephone Coordinator, Supplies Coordinator, First Vice-President and President of the Association.

Ed explains his dedication to serve as simply because he wants "to give back to an Association that has given so much to me." Ed's original surgery date was July of 1995. He enjoys traveling with his wife and reading.

The most important thing Ed wants new ostomates to know is that they can continue to have a full and productive life with an ostomy.

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 Houston, TX 77265-5164

**Donation of Supplies**

We are contacted on a regular basis by individuals who are in need of donated ostomy supplies. Consider donating ostomy supplies that you no longer use to assist your fellow ostomates in the Houston area. Please contact Mary Harle at 713-782-7864 with any questions.

**Sponsorship**

You can sponsor a member of our ostomy support group with a tax-deductible donation to cover the cost of their membership. Send your check in the amount of \$25.00 to:

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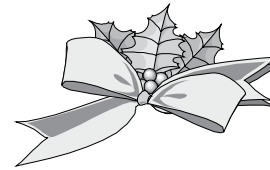
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Dues of **\$25.00 per year** are payable to:  
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- I would like to attend meetings with the **(please circle one)**:  
Central Group      Baytown Group      Northwest Group      J-Pouch Group

- I would like to become a member but cannot pay dues at this time. *(This will be kept confidential.)*

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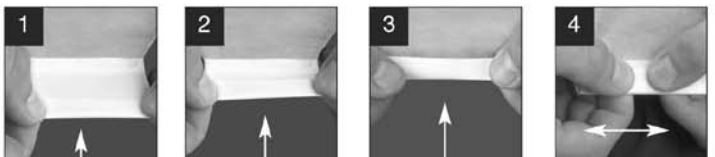
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