

## Questions and Answers

Q: What is the wear time of **Preemie Pouch**®?

A: It varies with each individual infant and is dependent on many things, such as age and other complications. **Preemie Pouch** has been successfully used for three days and will have better wear time than other products due to the unique ability of the **Neutra Skin**® barrier to breathe and let moisture pass through. The addition of the double thickness products will extend wear time in more difficult patients.

Q: Will **Preemie Pouch** work on a baby with jejunostomy?

A: Yes and the best products to choose are the double thickness ones, 7OS1422 (1-piece product) and 7OS2422, as well as the “ported” ones 7OS2612L/S or 7OS2622L/S (2-piece products). A jejunostomy is always a challenge but these products will get better wear time because of the reinforced area around the stoma.

Q: Have any clinical studies been performed using **Preemie Pouch**?

A: **Preemie Pouch** has been in use since 1995 and has been laboratory tested and compared with commonly used products such as DuoDerm® Extra Thin and Stomahesive®. **Preemie Pouch** has been shown to be totally non-toxic and to cause substantially less skin irritation than Stomahesive. **Preemie Pouch** and **Neutra Skin** contain no latex, BPA or DEHP.

Q: What are the ingredients in **Preemie Pouch** that makes it different from other barriers?

A: The recipe for the barrier is proprietary information. However, the ingredients do not differ substantially from other barriers commonly used; it is how they are mixed that is important. Furthermore, no “new” untried substances are present in **Preemie Pouch**.

Q: Can **Preemie Pouch** be used in fistula and drain care in adults?

A: **Preemie Pouch** was specifically developed for the premature neonatal ostomy patient with sensitive skin. If these properties are appealing to you for the conditions mentioned, you as a

professional nurse may make your own judgment as to whether to use **Preemie Pouch** for adult patients. There is no risk involved.

Q: How long has been on the market?

A: **Preemie Pouch** was introduced in February 1995.

Q: Could you refer me to someone with experience in using **Preemie Pouch**?

A: Refer to the User's List.

Q: I tried **Preemie Pouch** and only got 24 hours wear time and sometimes less, why does it not work?

A: In order to answer I need to know several things:

1. Which product did you use? Frequent answer is 7OS1012, 1½" round.
2. Is it a high output baby? Frequent answer is yes.
3. Is this a jejunostomy? Frequent answer is yes.
4. Is this a lively, kicking baby? Frequent answer is yes.

If questions 1, 2 and 4 are answered affirmatively it is likely that the barrier is simply too small. Suggest trying 7OS1222, small daisy instead or use the new double thickness products 7OS1422, 7OS2422, 7OS2612L/S or 7OS2622L/S. Our experience is that this solves the problem.

If question 3 is answered affirmatively ask if the nurse is familiar with the Eakin® ring. It is her decision to use part of an Eakin ring between **Preemie Pouch** and the skin to increase wear time. There is however a risk for skin irritation, so a better solution might be to use **Neutra Skin** in 1 or more layers to get the same result.

Q: Doesn't Nu-Hope have a **Preemie Pouch** as well?

A: **Preemie Pouch** is a registered trade mark of Incutech's. Nu-Hope has a product that comes in three parts that need to be put together before use. The barrier has generally less wear time and the product costs on average 35% more. There are only rubber bands supplied as closures and the color of the bag is opaque. Nu-Hope also does not have direct field representation.

Q: How much does **Preemie Pouch** cost?

A: It depends on how many you purchase at a time and what size barrier you choose. On average expect to pay \$5 - \$8 per pouch.

Q: That seems expensive, doesn't it?

A: No, it is not. It is on par with similar products. It also depends on what you compare it to. **Preemie Pouch** is competitively priced to infant bags, however; the **Preemie Pouch** size and flexible barrier makes it a better fit with less frequent changes likely, making it a less expensive alternative. If you make your own from e.g. Stomahesive and a Mentor bag, your materials may seem less expensive, however; the wear time is greatly reduced, you throw away barrier scrap and your time is valuable. If a fair comparison is made, you will find the price for **Preemie Pouch** very competitive.