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Introduction

Incontinence is defined as the complaint of any involuntary leakage of urine and/or faeces. It is estimated that 400 million people are affected by incontinence worldwide and the number is increasing as the population in many countries ages. Incontinence that cannot be (fully) cured is most commonly managed using absorbent products.

Products come in a range of different designs but the terms that are currently used to describe the product types vary considerably among - and even within - countries, resulting in a confusing variety of synonyms among clinicians and academics and in the literature provided by product suppliers. A standardized terminology would facilitate understanding and communication among stakeholders.

For many product types, several synonyms are in established use - in different countries and markets - so that the widespread adoption of just one is unlikely to be achieved quickly. Accordingly, while this document provides a recommended term for each product type, it also acknowledges the complexity of the current situation by listing synonyms considered to have some merit. Meanwhile this document will also work to facilitate understanding between different stakeholders by providing a tool with the different synonyms combined with pictures of each product type.

In this document, a hierarchy of descriptors is used to distinguish, describe and name the various (sub) categories of product types, always using the descriptors (when needed) in the same order: Product type (e.g. all-in-one); User group (e.g. for children); To contain (urine only, faeces only or both); Features and purpose (e.g. with fastener system); Use case (single use or washable). Some products (e.g. pads for underwear) are designed to absorb and contain just urine, and some to contain just faeces (faecal pads). In each case, "urine" or "faeces" - as appropriate - is included in the corresponding (sub-)category name. If neither urine nor faeces is included in a (sub)category name, it refers to products that are designed primarily to absorb urine, but also have some capacity to contain faeces. It is particularly important that products used to contain faeces are changed promptly after soiling in order to avoid skin damage. If no user group (e.g. children or male) is specified in the name of a sub-category, the products it includes can be taken to be suitable for adults of either gender.

Absorbent incontinence products for urine and/or faeces — Product type names and illustrations

1 Scope

This document provides recommended and other product type names and example pictures of product categories defined in ISO 9999, subclass 09 30, "Absorbing products to contain urine and faeces".

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

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