

# The By-Pass

*OUR MISSION:* TAOA strives to provide emotional and educational support for those with an intestinal or urinary diversion or who anticipate the surgery. We support The Friends of Ostomates Worldwide (FOW) by contributing ostomy supplies to be shipped to underprivileged ostomates in foreign countries.

## Triangle Area Ostomy Association



May 2025

### President's Message

We only have three more meetings until we take our summer break! It's amazing how fast this year has gone. I am considering an end of year potluck picnic, outside at a local park. I will discuss it at the next meeting, but be thinking if that is something you would be interested in attending. I do not see us moving away from Zoom in the future, but it would be great to see some of you in person!

See you on May 6th!

Regards,  
Dan Richards  
President

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Important

### NOTICE FROM YOUR TAOA BOARD

Your June Newsletter will include our annual Statement for UOAA & TAOA membership dues. Please pay \$20 promptly. Do not risk forgetting!

Your cooperation will eliminate our time consuming task of sending reminders.

THANK YOU!

### NEWS AND UPDATES

- The program for our May 6th meeting is "New Coloplast Click" with Michelle Brock, Territory Manager for Coloplast Corp.
- The TAOA Board needs member support! We are currently looking for a Membership Coordinator.
- If you know of an event where you think TAOA would benefit from setting up an information table, please let Dan Richards know.
- If you think of a program that would be suitable for a Zoom meeting, please let Dan Richards or Stephanie Yates know.



### TRIANGLE AREA OSTOMY ASSOCIATION (TAOA)

TAOA is a non profit organization dedicated to advancing ostomy health through advocacy, education, and professional interaction. We are an affiliated support group of the The United Ostomy Associations of America, Inc. Membership is open to ostomates, nurses and friends who support our mission. New members are always welcome. Please refer to the membership form on the last page.

## WOC NURSES

### WakeMed Raleigh, WakeMedCary,

#### WakeMed North

Leigh Ammons	919-350-7668
Varda Barthelemy	919-350-7668
Melanie Johnson	919-350-7668
Kyle Miller	919-350-7668
Vanessa Drake	919-350-7668

#### UNC Hospital

Lisa Jenkins	984-974-0410
Lara Dupree	984-974-0410
John Motko	984-974-0410
Janet Rankin	984-974-0410
Jennifer O'Brien	984-974-0410
Ann Sexton	984-974-0410
Becky McElyea	984-974-0410
Colleen Spiller	984-974-0410
Jessica Blakeslee	984-974-0410
Sophia Furlong	984-974-0410
Otis Brown	984-97400410

#### Duke Regional

Tom Hobbs	919-470-7215
Felicia Street	919-470-6145
Stephanie Greenberg	919-714-3390

#### Duke Raleigh Ostomy Clinic Apt or Support Line

Kelly Smith	919-954-3446
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#### Duke Raleigh Wound/Ostomy Inpatient Hospital

Ronda Bowles	919-954-3089
Janet Jensen	919-954-3725

### Duke Raleigh Wound Center Outpatient

Kayla Santangelo (outpt)	919-862-5573
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#### Duke Health

Michelle Rice	919-681-2436
Angela Richardson	919-684-9954
Stephanie Stokes	919-681-1785
Mary Ann Whaley	919-613-5583
Sarah Britt	919-681-4678
Lily Lane	919-681-7743
Tara Beuscher (outpt)	919-668-7008
Donna Brickman	919-681-4634
Lilo Wilson	919-681-1648
Matt Keirn	919-681-8971
Teri Arp	919-668-0135
Rebecca Elvin (Pediatrics)	919-681-6694

#### Maria Parham Hospital

Kathy Thomas	252-436-1700
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#### Durham VA Medical Center

Reba Giles	919-286-0411 X 6177
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#### Rex Hospital

Rachel Beth Breazeale	919-784-2048
Maggie Elliott	919-784-2048
Bryan Duttman	919-784-2048
Elsie Murray	919-784-2048
Kristen Cowperthwait	919-784-2048
Kelly Gilleran	919-784-2048

### Group Officers and Contact Info

President: Dan Richards	919-624-3075
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Treasurer: Ruth Rhodes	919-782-3460
Secretary: Ruth Rhodes	
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FOW Coordinator: Jamal Sarsour	252-258-4431
Membership Coordinator: Vacant	
Program Coordinator and	stephaniesyates@gmail.com
Prof. Advisor: Stephanie Yates	

All Officers are available for member support

The Triangle Area Ostomy Association provides support for ostomy patients, caregivers, survivors and families. If you or someone you know needs assistance or support, please see the list of officers on page 2 to reach out and we will help you find the appropriate contact.

For more information about the Triangle Area Ostomy Association go to [www.raleighuoa.org](http://www.raleighuoa.org) or look for Triangle Area Ostomy Association on Facebook.

### **CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA**

#### **CCFA SUPPORT GROUP**

Date: Third Monday of the Month  
Time: 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm  
Place: Rex Healthcare  
Contact: Reuben Gradsky  
gutcheckrdu@gmail.com

### **TRIANGLE BLADDER CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Date: Second Tuesday of the Month  
Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm  
Place: Ronald McDonald House Community Room (At the rear of the parking lot)  
101 Old Mason Farm Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517  
Contact: Ritchie Briggs 919-493-0551  
trianglebcs@gmail.com  
<https://sites.google.com/site/trianglebcs/>  
These meetings are hybrid and can be attended via Zoom

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## Minutes TAOA Meeting April 1, 2025

A question & answer period opened at 7:00PM. President, Dan Richards, opened the formal meeting at 7:30 PM. There were 18 people attending.

Dan reviewed the process for Scholarship applications to attend the UOAA National Convention in August. He reported basic contents of the supply closet which he maintains to assist anyone with emergency needs.

Ruth reported a collection of supplies from three donors. These are being shipped to FOW.

Stephanie revealed upcoming programs. Our May meeting will have a review of Coloplast products by Rep. Michelle Brock. In June we will explore suggestions for Travel with an Ostomy. There will NOT be a meeting in July or August. Our new year will begin on Tues. Sept. 2nd.

Stephanie introduced tonight's speaker, Hollister Rep. Antoinette Delio. She demonstrated useful products by Hollister. A peek-a-boo bag cover, new soft convexity, a new urostomy drain opening, mini pouches & infused Ceramide for skin protection. Thank you Antoinette! We look forward to your return to present the new Hollister products coming on the market in Sept.-Oct.

Our next meeting will begin at 7:00 PM on Tues. May 6th. This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Rhodes, Sec./Treas.



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## Duke Raleigh Hospital Ostomy Clinic

The Duke Raleigh Hospital Ostomy Clinic offers Information, help, and support for those living with a stoma.

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Location:  
3404 Wake Forest Rd. Suite 303  
Raleigh, NC 27609



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\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Year of Surgery: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Ostomy: ☐ Colostomy ☐ Ileostomy ☐ Urostomy (Ileal conduit)

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Support/No Ostomy

Comments (cont. on reverse side) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Active Membership: Member for UOAA/TAOA. Annual Dues \$20.00.

☐ Courtesy Membership: Cannot afford dues at this time. (Confidential)

☐ Affiliate Membership. WOCN's & Prof. Associates. Dues exempted.

**IMPORTANT: ALL CHECKS MUST BE PAYABLE TO TAOA.**

Enclosed: ☐ \$20.00 Dues Pay to TAOA ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Money Order

☐ Donation (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For our support of FOW.

Mail payment with this completed form to:

Ruth Rhodes, Sec./Treas./ 8703 Cypress Club Drive/Raleigh, NC, 27615

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**NEXT MEETING:** May 6th 2025 at 7:30pm  
**PROGRAM:** New Coloplast Click products  
**HOSTED BY:** Michelle Brock, Territory Manager for Coloplast Corp.