

A Novel Urostomy Pouching System with Leakage Detection and Multi-Orientation Features

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Project Overview

Urostomy is a type of urinary diversion that reroutes urine flow through the creation of a stoma. Current urostomy interventions often cause discomfort and impact on patients' work abilities and social activities due to issues such as **leakage**, **body appearance**, odor, and skin irritation. Many of these issues are rooted in the design of urostomy appliances, highlighting the pressing need for an improved urostomy intervention that addresses these multifaceted challenges amongst urostomy patients.

We present a novel pouching system comprising Stomify Baseplate and Stomify Pouch. The Stomify Baseplate integrates a leakage absorption and detection mechanism allowing user to check for leakage during routine pouch emptying every 2 to 4 hours. The Stomify Pouch is designed for flexible orientation, enabling users to wear it both vertically and horizontally without flow interruption due to external pressure from clothing.

Background

A urostomy is a surgical procedure that creates an <u>opening in the</u> abdomen for the passage of urine called a stoma (Tanna et al., 2022)

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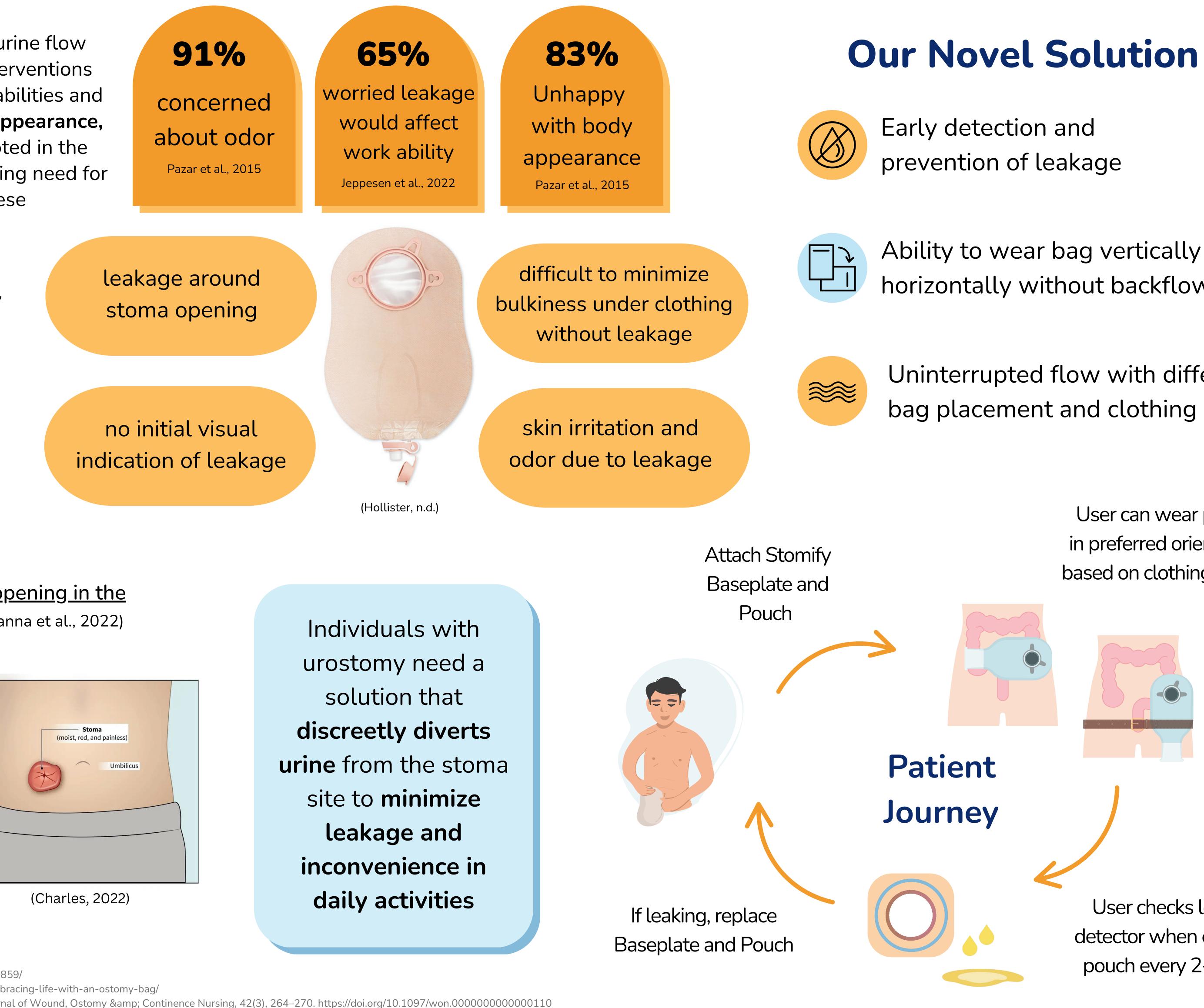
Urostomies per year in the US

(United Ostomy Association of America, 2024)

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Ability to wear bag vertically or horizontally without backflow

Uninterrupted flow with different bag placement and clothing items

> User can wear pouch in preferred orientation based on clothing choice

User checks leakage detector when emptying pouch every 2-4 hours