

BACK TO UNIVERSITY WITH TRIO

Going off to university is a major event in anyone's life and going to university after stoma surgery, or even having stoma surgery while at university, can be difficult.

If you have been ill during your school years you may have had to repeat a year or maybe not have done as much voluntary work or extra-curricular activities as your peers. These might seem like they will have a negative impact on your UCAS application, but it doesn't need to be that way. Your personal statement is your chance to show how you have overcome the odds. Highlight how you've managed to keep up attendance, sit your exams on time, or keep up with extra-curricular activities despite hospital admissions. Remember that you've been through something that lots of people would, and do, find extremely difficult to come to terms with and yet you are still pursuing your goals of going to university. It is also important to highlight that following the surgery, life is likely to become a little more routine and less unpredictable than compared to when you had been unwell.

You might want to contact the university in advance to discuss any additional concerns that you might have. Your medical team may be able to recommend the most appropriate hospital for you to be transferred to and you'll need to make sure that you make contact with a local GP (some universities have dedicated GP surgeries) ahead of starting your course so that you don't end up running out of medication or stoma supplies.

You may also be eligible for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA) which is a grant to help pay for additional costs that you might incur, for example the extra costs of an en-suite room. You can apply for DSA if you have a disability or long-term health condition (such as a stoma).



You may have to sit in lectures for a period of time and the last thing you need when you are learning about something new is being distracted by your stoma (even though there may be more appealing distractions around you). If you are prone to leaks, you may want to consider Trio Siltac® or Trio Silvex® silicone seals to help reduce them. These seals do not dissolve and so you can secure the gaps that can be created by sitting in various positions for long periods of time.



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