

## Recycling

## What is it?

The recycling of faeces (poo) from the functioning stoma, down the non-functioning stoma (or mucous fistula).

## Aims of the recycling:

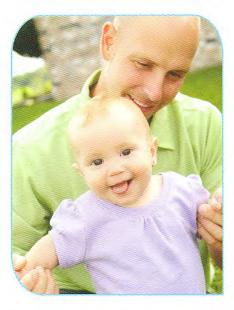
- to monitor the function of the lower part of the bowel
- to stimulate the lower part of the bowel
- to ensure there is a way through from the non-functioning stoma to the bottom

This procedure is useful in babies/children who have had large sections of bowel removed or their stoma is high up the digestive tract i.e. jejunostomy or ileostomy.

Your specialist nurse or surgeon will talk to you about how this procedure will be done.

## Investigation

Prior to commencing recycling, the doctors may request a special x-ray, called a contrast dye study. A catheter is passed into the non-functioning stoma and dye is syringed down. It is followed by an x-ray which will show if there is a way through from the stoma to the anus.







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