

UOAA National Support Group

Celebrate Ostomy Awareness Day With Us!

In honor of Ostomy Awareness Day, United Ostomy Associations of America (UOAA) invites you to join us for a special National Support Group Meeting featuring two guest speakers:

Nate Hadlock & Kimberly Holiday-Coleman

Together, we'll celebrate the strength, resilience, and diverse experiences of people living with ostomies while creating an opportunity to learn, connect, and support one another.

Meeting Details:

Saturday, October 3, 2026

4:00 PM Pacific | 6:00 PM Central | 7:00 PM Eastern

Virtual via Zoom

Following the presentations, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and participate in an open discussion.

How to Join

Click the registration link below to reserve your spot and receive your meeting link:

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/6Xxd9TmFTu2xOmufwmnqBg>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Cameras are optional. You're welcome to participate at whatever level feels most comfortable for you.

About the UOAA National Support Group

Whether you're newly adjusting to life with an ostomy or have been living with one for years, UOAA's National Support Group is a welcoming virtual community where people living with an ostomy, caregivers, family members, and supporters can connect, learn, and support one another in a safe, confidential environment.

Whether you're looking for practical information, emotional support, or simply the opportunity to connect with others who understand, you'll find a community that welcomes you wherever you are on your journey.

What to Expect

- A judgment-free environment where everyone is welcome
- Peer support and meaningful conversation with others who understand life with an ostomy
- Facilitated discussions on topics such as nutrition, skin care, travel, intimacy, emotional wellness, returning to work, and more
- Guest speakers, including wound, ostomy, and continence (WOC) nurses, mental health professionals, advocates, and other experts
- Open Q&A sessions where your questions help shape the conversation

Who Should Attend?

This meeting is open to anyone whose life has been touched by an ostomy, including:

- Individuals living with an ostomy
- People preparing for ostomy surgery
- Caregivers, spouses, partners, family members, and friends
- Anyone interested in learning, connecting, and being part of a supportive community

Whether you are new to life with an ostomy, have lived with one for many years, are a caregiver, or simply want to connect with the ostomy community, **you are welcome here.**

Have Questions?

Reach out to us at oa@ostomy.org or call **1-800-826-0826**. We're happy to help with accessibility needs, technical questions, or other concerns.

We hope you'll join us as we come together for **Ostomy Awareness Day** and continue building a national community centered on connection, understanding, resilience, and mutual support.

Accessibility Statement:

Our Commitment to Access

We are committed to making this event accessible to all participants. The sections below outline the accommodations and privacy protections available. If you have questions or need an accommodation not listed here, please contact us at oa@ostomy.org or 1-800-826-0826. We will make every effort to meet your needs.

Privacy & Consent

We respect your right to control how your personal information is collected, used, and shared. Please review the following:

What we collect and why

Your name, email address, and any accommodation requests are collected solely for the purpose of administering your registration and facilitating access.

Zoom collects technical connection data (IP address, device type, browser) as part of its platform operations. You may review Zoom's privacy policy at <https://zoom.us/privacy>.

How we use your information

Registration data will be used only to send you event-related communications (confirmations, reminders, follow-up materials) and to coordinate any accessibility accommodations you request.

We will not sell, rent, or share your personal data with third parties for marketing purposes.

This Meeting will NOT be Recorded

If in the future the meeting is recorded we will clearly note this in the registration form and recording will begin with a verbal notification from the host followed by a visible notification to all attendees during the start of the meeting.

If you do not wish to appear on camera, you may keep your video off throughout the meeting.

Your choices

You may opt out of receiving post-event communications at any time by contacting oa@ostomy.org.

You may request access to, correction of, or deletion of your registration data by contacting oa@ostomy.org. Retention periods comply with applicable data protection regulations.

Disability Accommodations & General Accessibility

We strive to ensure full participation for everyone regardless of ability. The following features and accommodations are available:

Built-in Zoom accessibility features

Live captions/automated transcription: Enabled by default for all meetings.

Screen reader compatibility: Zoom is compatible with major screen readers (JAWS, NVDA, VoiceOver).

Keyboard navigation: All in-meeting controls are navigable without a mouse.

Adjustable video size and layout: Participants can choose Speaker View or Gallery View.

Accommodation requests If you require any of the following, please indicate your needs on the registration form or contact us at least [X business days] before the event:

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation

Live captioning by a CART provider (beyond Zoom's automated captions)

Audio description of visual content

Materials in an accessible format (large print, Braille, plain text, tagged PDF)

Extended time for activities or breaks

Alternative participation method (e.g., phone dial-in, asynchronous submission)

An opportunity to test the Zoom platform with a facilitator prior to the event

Language access

The primary language of this event is English. If you require interpretation or materials in another language, please contact us at oa@ostomy.org by [deadline].

Consent Acknowledgement

By submitting this registration form, you confirm that you have read and understood the above accessibility and privacy provisions. You understand that:

Your personal data will be handled in accordance with the privacy terms stated above.

Any accommodation requests will be treated with confidentiality and will be shared only with staff coordinating those accommodations.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions to improve the accessibility of this event, please reach out to oa@ostomy.org. Feedback is always welcome and helps us improve future events.