Guide to Disposable Absorbent Products

3	Gauze dressing: Small cotton gauze pad folded lengthwise and placed between the buttocks for small amounts of leakage. No adhesive, tape or straps hold it in place.
	Incontinence Pantiliners and Pads: Similar to pantiliners and pads used for menstrual cycles but thicker and more absorbent. Most stick to underwear with an adhesive strip.
	Incontinence Guards: Slightly larger than incontinence pads, some with a curved shape. Most stick to underwear with an adhesive strip.
	Protective Underwear: One-piece, pull-on product with an absorbent inner panel. Fit similar to regular underwear. Require pants to be removed to put on and take off.
TOO	Undergarments: Cover the groin area from front to back but leave the hip area open. Most brands feature elastic straps around the waist that allow changing without removing pants.
	Briefs : Full design that covers the hips and buttocks like a disposable diaper. Side tapes allow them to be put on and taken off without removing pants.
	Underpad: Not an item to be worn; rather, it is placed under an individual on a bed, chair, etc. Often referred to as <i>Chux</i> (a brand name for underpads with a blue plastic outer layer). Underpads with a breathable cloth outer layer are preferred.