

When to call the surgeon after abdominal surgery

Call your surgeon if you notice **ANY** of these problems:

Fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your temperature is 38°C (100°F) or higher.
Incision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pain in your incision that does not get better with medication.• Your incision is coming open, bleeding, draining or has yellow, green or smelly discharge.• The skin around your incision is red or swollen.• You are concerned about your incision.
Abdomen	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You are constipated, or no bowel movement in 3 days.• You are vomiting or have diarrhea.• You have pain in your abdomen or feel sick to your stomach.
Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For patients who have had liver surgery, cholecystectomy (gallbladder removal) or a Whipple procedure, you notice that the whites of your eyes or your skin looks yellow.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">! You have pain or tenderness in your leg (thigh or calf) with swelling, redness or warmth.! You have trouble breathing, chest pain or cough up blood.! You have lightheadedness or dizziness that does not go away.! You have a rapid heart beat (palpitations), facial flushing, sweating.

If you have concerns about your surgery, do not wait for your follow-up appointment. call your surgeon. If you are unable to reach the surgeon, go to Emergency.



**Problems marked with this sign are emergencies.
Call 911 or go to Emergency.**
