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10 Reasons to Call Your Doctor After Joint Replacement Surgery

Complications such as infection or dislocation can occur after joint replacement surgery.

If you've undergone a joint replacement surgery, don't hesitate to contact your doctor if you have any concerns. Their main priority is your safety and well-being so it is important to notify your doctor about symptoms that could indicate a potential complication.

The following is not necessarily an exhaustive list of possible reasons to call your doctor. YOUR doctor's post-operative instructions should be followed if any of the following conflict with the information your doctor provided to you.

Call your doctor if you experience:

- 1 Fever greater than 101.2° F (38.5°C)
- 2 Swelling
- 3 Drainage or redness at your incision site
- 4 Gaps or breakage of your incision
- 5 Numbness, tingling, or coldness in your operative limb(s)
- 6 An unexpected increase in pain
- 7 Constipation that does not improve with stool softeners
- 8 Inability to urinate
- 9 Nausea and/or vomiting
- 10 Itching

If you experience any serious events such as shortness of breath, chest pain, loss of consciousness or altered mental state, loss of colour or warmth to your limb, fall, or are unable to move your operative limb, please go to the nearest Emergency Department immediately.

References

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