

# When to Call the Doctor: After Joint Replacement Surgery

You are recovering from joint replacement and it's important to follow your discharge instructions for a healthy and safe recovery. If you experience any symptoms after surgery, here are some guidelines on when to call the doctor.

1. Call the doctor if you have a fever of 100.4 or higher that won't go away. 2. Call your doctor if there's increasing redness, tenderness, swelling, or drainage at your incision site. 3. Call your doctor if experience increasing pain with both activity and rest. 4. Call your doctor if you have pain in your leg or calf unrelated to your incision. It could be a sign of a blood clot.

If you experience shortness of breath, sudden onset of chest pain or chest pain with coughing call 911 immediately. It's important to follow your healthcare provider's instructions after joint replacement surgery. Call your doctor when: You have a fever of 100.4 or higher that won't go away; You have redness, tenderness, or swelling at incision site; You experience pain with both activity and rest; You have pain in your leg or calf not related to your incision. And call 911 if you have shortness of breath, chest pain, or chest pain with coughing.