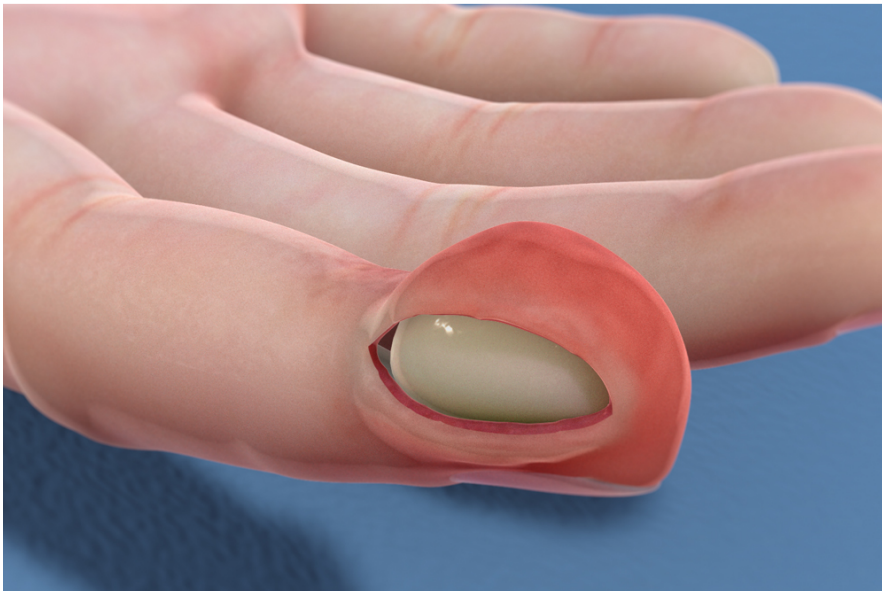
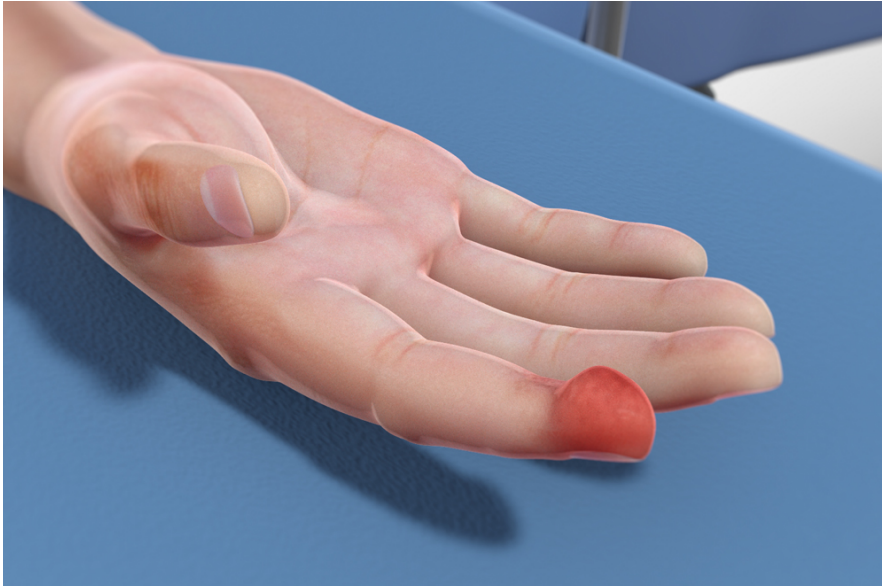




## Felon Drainage



### Overview

This procedure treats an infection in the pad of a fingertip. This type of infection is called a "felon." Draining the felon relieves pressure and pain and allows your finger to heal.

### Preparation

To begin, your finger is numbed. We may give you medicine to help you relax or to put you to sleep.

### Draining the infection

Now it's time to drain the infection. We do this by making one or more incisions to reach the infected chambers in the pad of the fingertip. We clean out the pus and any dead skin or tissue, and we thoroughly wash the area.

### End of procedure

When done, we may place a small drain or gauze in the wound. Then, we bandage your finger and put it in a splint. Follow your care instructions as your finger heals.