

Abscess Drainage

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GENERAL

CONSIDERATIONS:

It is normal to see drainage (bloody, yellow, greenish) from the wound as long as the wound is open. The drainage should decrease as the wound heals over time.

Pain and redness at the wound should improve day to day.

We will help to teach you (or a family member) how to care for your wound.

DIET:

Diet as desired unless otherwise instructed.

Drink fluids and eat a well- balanced diet to promote healing

ACTIVITIES:

Activities as tolerated unless otherwise instructed by your surgeon.

WOUND CARE:

The wound needs to be packed with gauze to allow it to heal from the inside outward. Your surgeon will instruct you regarding the frequency (daily, twice a day, etc) and specifics of packing changes.

Do not get the wound wet until your surgeon instructs you.

MEDICATIONS:

If you are prescribed an antibiotic, it is important to take it as directed and to finish them unless otherwise directed by your surgeon.

If you are prescribed a narcotic pain medication, take it as directed (if needed).

Take Milk of Magnesia or Dulcolax laxative as directed if you should develop constipation from the narcotics.

CALL OUR OFFICE IF:

You develop a fever above 101.5F or your temperature continues to rise.

You develop increasing pain and/or swelling at wound.

You develop spreading redness around wound.

The bandage is saturated with blood.

You feel that you are not feeling better over time.

FOLLOW UP:

Follow up in the office as instructed by your surgeon.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your surgery or recuperation please DO NOT HESITATE to call our office --we are here to help in any way we can.

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