Signs & Symptoms of Wound Infection

Look at the wound/incision carefully. If necessary, use a mirror to see your wound/incision. The edges of a healing incision/wound may be slightly red. Redness is normal, but there are some circumstances when you should notify your healthcare provider.

NOTIFY YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER:

- If the redness is increasing or if it spreads more than half an inch from the wound.
- If you see pus in the wound.
- If there is increased amounts of pink fluid from the wound.
- If the wound is more than mildly tender or painful.
- If there is hardness or swelling around the wound.
- If there is an odor to the drainage from your wound.
- If you have a temperature greater than 101°F.

You may return or call University Health Services at (574)631-7497 if you have any questions.

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