


When to call the doctor after gynecology surgery

Call your family doctor or the gynecologist that did your surgery if you notice ANY of these problems:

Fever • Your temperature is 38°C (100°F) or higher.

Vaginal flow  You have heavy bleeding – soaking a pad (regular maxi pad) in 1 or 2 hours, or passing large clots (the size of an egg) from your vagina.

- There is a change in the discharge from your vagina. For example, it increases in amount, has a bad smell or that area is very itchy.

Incision • Pain in your incision that does not get better with medication.


- Your incision is bleeding, draining or coming open.
- The skin around your incision is red or swollen.



Passing urine • You have the urge to pass urine all the time.

- You have trouble passing urine.
- You have pain, burning or bleeding when you pass urine.

Abdomen • You have trouble passing gas or having a bowel movement.

- You have pain in your abdomen or feel sick to your stomach.

Other  You have pain or tenderness in your leg (thigh or calf) with swelling, redness or warmth.

-  You have trouble breathing, chest pain or cough up blood.
-  You have fainting or dizziness for more than a few seconds.

If you have concerns about your gynecology surgery, do not wait for your follow-up appointment. Call your family doctor, the gynecologist that did your surgery, or the gynecologist on-call at 905-521-2100, ext. 76443 and ask to have the gynecologist on-call paged.

If you are unable to reach the doctor, go to an urgent care centre or the nearest emergency department that serves adults.



**Problems marked with this sign are emergencies.
Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department
that serves adults.**

**Note: McMaster University Medical Centre Emergency
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