

Discharge information

Symptoms to look for when you go home from the hospital.

Signs of infection and sepsis at home

Common infections can sometimes lead to sepsis. Sepsis is a deadly response to an infection.



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Are there changes in my heartbeat or breathing?	 My heartbeat is as usual. Breathing is normal for me.	 Heartbeat is faster than usual. Breathing is a bit more difficult and faster than usual. 	Heartbeat is very fast.Breathing is very fast.
Do I have a fever?	I have not had a fever in the past 24 hours and I am not taking medicine for a fever.	Fever between 100°F to 101.4°F.	Fever is 101.5°F or greater.
Do I feel cold?	I do not feel cold.	 I feel cold and cannot get warm I am shivering or my teeth are chattering. 	Temperature is below 96.8°F.Skin or fingernails are pale or blue.
How is my energy?	My energy level is as usual.	I am too tired to do most of my usual activities.	I am very tired.I cannot do any of my usual activities.
How is my thinking?	Thinking is clear.	Thinking feels slow or not right.	My caregivers tell me I am not making sense.
Are there changes in how I feel after a hospitalization, procedure, infection or change in wound or IV site?	 I feel well. I had pneumonia, a urinary tract infection (UTI) or another infection. I had a wound or IV site. It is healing. 	 I do not feel well. I have a bad cough. My wound or IV site looks different. I have not urinated (peed) for 5 or more hours. When I do urinate (pee), it burns, is cloudy or smells bad. 	 I feel sick. My wound or IV site is painful, red, smells or has pus.