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Signs That Require Medical or Emergency Attention

Patients, families and caregivers

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This educational guide helps distinguish between an emergency and a situation that should be reported promptly to your health professional. Signs vary from person to person: always follow the specific instructions of your treating team.

Call 911 or seek emergency care

Do not wait for an appointment if any of these occur.

- Difficulty breathing.
- Loss of consciousness or fainting.
- Sudden confusion or trouble speaking.
- Bleeding that does not stop.
- Severe pain or rapid worsening of overall condition.
- Skin turning dark, pale or bluish.
- Sudden loss of sensation or movement.

- Any situation your treating team identified as an emergency.

Contact your health professional promptly

These signs do not diagnose a condition: they indicate that a professional evaluation is advisable.

- Fever or chills.
- Redness spreading around the area.
- A significant increase in swelling.
- New or increasing drainage.
- A new or stronger odor.
- Pain that increases day after day.
- An area that is not showing the changes your team expected.
- Difficulty following the instructions you received.

When you call, have ready

- ☐ What changed and since when.
- ☐ Temperature if you have taken it.
- ☐ Medication list.
- ☐ Instructions received previously.
- ☐ Name of the caller and of the patient.

Important

This guide does not diagnose infection or recommend treatments. It does not replace evaluation by a licensed professional.

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