Wounds

What’s normal

- A little clear drainage (a few drops a few times daily)
- A little redness around the edges
- A little bloody drainage (a few drops a few times daily)
- A little whitish drainage
- Redness or a little whitish drainage around tubes that exit the skin
- A little redness around staples
- Low grade fever (100 or lower) that goes away with time

What’s not unusual

- A little opening where the skin came apart (it will just heal over)

When you need to call (720-848-0170)

- If your incision is red and warm to the touch, this can be an infection
- If there is more than a half cup of a drainage from the wound this could mean there are issues with the deep sutures
- If there is more than a thimbleful of thick, white, milky drainage coming from wound this can be a sign of infection
- If any tubes come out they may need to be put back in
- Fever above 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- When fluid stops draining from tubes that were previously draining
- If you just don’t feel right

When you need to call 911 or go to Emergency Department

- When you have chest pain
- When you are short of breath so that you can’t finish a sentence
- When you have leg swelling that is new and just on one side
- When you are feeling light-headed or dizzy
- When you can’t keep any food or drink down for a 24 hour period
- When your heart is racing for more than just a few minutes