When to call the surgeon after abdominal surgery

Call your surgeon if you notice ANY of these problems:

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

**Incision**
- Pain in your incision that does not get better with medication.
- Your incision is coming open, bleeding, draining or has yellow, green or smelly discharge.
- The skin around your incision is red or swollen.
- You are concerned about your incision.

**Abdomen**
- You are constipated, or no bowel movement in 3 days.
- You are vomiting or have diarrhea.
- You have pain in your abdomen or feel sick to your stomach.

**Skin**
- For patients who have had liver surgery, cholecystectomy (gallbladder removal) or a Whipple procedure, you notice that the whites of your eyes or your skin looks yellow.

**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 lightheadedness or dizziness that does not go away.
- You have a rapid heart beat (palpitations), facial flushing, sweating.

If you have concerns about your surgery, do not wait for your follow-up appointment. Call your surgeon. If you are unable to reach the surgeon, go to Emergency.

Problems marked with this sign are emergencies. Call 911 or go to Emergency.