

Medical Emergencies

If you experience any of the following symptoms, contact your surgeon or nurse immediately, or go to the nearest emergency room:

- + Severe cramping and no output from your stoma
- + Watery stools along with signs of dehydration
- + Ongoing bleeding into your pouch (more than four tablespoons)
- + A sudden change in stoma color - from bright red to dark or purplish - this may signal poor blood flow to the stoma
- + Blood in your pouch or bleeding between the stoma and skin
- + Skin around the stoma breaking down and not getting better
- + A deep cut in your stoma
- + Severe or persistent nausea and vomiting