When to Call Your Provider

The following are examples of when to contact your child's healthcare provider. **This list is not all-inclusive.** If you notice anything concerning, unusual, or different from what you have been told to expect, contact your child's healthcare provider for guidance.

- **Skin problems** around the stoma, such as redness, swelling, sores, or bleeding.
- **Changes in the stoma color**, such as a dark, purple, or black color.
- **Little or no ostomy output**, especially with cramping, pain, nausea, or vomiting.
- **A large increase in ostomy output** or watery output that continues.
- **Severe abdominal pain, fever, or chills.**
- **Inability to console the baby, infant, toddler or child.**
- **Persistent leakage** around gastrostomy and/or difficulty keeping the pouching system in place.
- **Signs of dehydration**, such as decreased wet diapers, decreased tears when crying, dizziness, dry mouth, or very little urine.

When in doubt, contact your child's healthcare provider. For severe or emergency symptoms, seek immediate medical care.

Disclaimer

This guide is provided for general educational and informational purposes only and is not a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Parents and caregivers should follow the care instructions provided by their child's healthcare team.

If you notice anything concerning, unusual, or different about your child's stoma, neoanus, gastrostomy, skin, ostomy output, or overall condition, contact your child's healthcare provider for guidance. If your child has severe or emergency symptoms, seek immediate medical care.

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