

# Red Flags

1. **Abdominal Pain**; sudden or worsening
2. **Allergic Reaction**; difficulty swallowing, facial/mouth/throat swelling
3. **Bleeding**; uncontrolled, pregnant, vomiting blood, black stools
4. **Breathing Problems**; shortness of breath, difficulty talking
5. Broken bone
6. Burns
7. **Chest Pain**; tightness and/or pressure
8. Cuts/lacerations
9. **Eye Problems**; pain, vision changes, sudden loss of vision, foreign bodies in eye
10. **Falls**; elderly, on blood thinners, children who fall 2-3 times their height
11. **Fever** greater or equal to 100.4° F, after surgery or infant less than or equal to 3 months
12. Foreign body (object stuck in mouth, throat, ear, or nose or injury with retained object)
13. Harm to self or others, suicide risk
14. Head/Neck Injury with/without loss of consciousness
15. **Heart**; irregular heartbeat, states “doesn’t feel right”
16. **Infant** less than or equal to 3 months; poor feeding, sleeping more than usual, not making wet diapers.
17. **Mental status change**: severe confusion, loss of alertness, change in behavior
18. **Pain**; sudden or worsening
19. Passing out or loss of consciousness
20. **Swelling**; without injury or the patient thinks it’s a “blood clot
21. **Weakness**, sudden onset or gradual and progressing over past few hours, loss of balance, immobility/paralysis, slurred speech, facial drooping/numbness of the face, states “having a stroke”

\* At discretion of caregiver (gut feeling of concern or “something isn’t right”)

\* Patient feels it is an emergency.