



When to Call

Any symptom may be urgent in a particular patient. Your doctors/nurses will tell you what to watch for. **If you have chest pain or trouble breathing, call 911/go to ER.** Otherwise, call Roswell Park if you have:

Fever/ Signs of infection

- **Temperature of 100.4° F (38°C) or higher**
- Chills/shaking/shivering
- Sore throat
- A break in the skin with redness around it or that is draining yellow or green liquid
- Flu-like symptoms (achy, tired, headache)
- Urination problems (pain, burning, going more/less than usual, red or cloudy urine, pain in back or belly, or no improvement after 3 days of taking UTI medication)
- Redness, swelling, or pain along a vein

Important! If your white blood cell (WBC) count is very low, you must tell your provider if there is any change in how you feel because you may not get the usual symptoms of infection.

Signs of an allergic reaction: Rash, hives, swelling or itching in mouth/tongue/face, fast heartbeat, wheezing, lightheadedness, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting

GI problems

- **Mouth problems:** white patches, open sores, or new or worsening mouth or tooth pain
- **Vomiting:** 4-5 times in 24 hours, violent puking, vomiting after a painful or swollen belly
- **Constipation:** More than 2 days since you normally would have had a bowel movement
- **Diarrhea:** More than 4 episodes in 24 hours or a sudden, acute attack lasting more than 24 hours, or diarrhea with severe belly pain or cramping
- **Skin or whites of your eyes look yellow** (jaundice)

Signs of dehydration: Intense thirst, dry skin/mucus membranes, tented skin (pinched skin stays in tent shape after you let go), dark urine, peeing less than 1 cup a day

Unusual bleeding or bruising, particularly if you take “blood thinning” medication like warfarin/ Coumadin®, apixaban/Eliquis®, enoxaparin /Lovenox®, or rivaroxaban /Xarelto®

Holding fluids: Swelling in feet, ankles, or elsewhere; blurry vision; suddenly gaining 2-3 pounds a day for 2 days in a row; stretched/shiny skin; pitting skin (press on skin, let go, indent remains)

Skin problems/rash: New rash; rash that is getting worse; rash that blisters, peels, or causes an open wound; or a rash that affects the any mucus membrane (mouth, lips, nose, eyes, vagina, etc.)

Any symptom that stops you from drinking or eating

Shortness of breath with little/no activity, new or persistent cough, need increased home oxygen

Symptoms of Peripheral Neuropathy (PN): Numbness, burning, or tingling in your hands or feet; extreme sensitivity to touch; feeling like you are wearing gloves or socks when you are not; clumsiness; muscle weakness; trouble touching cold items; existing PN is getting worse

Fatigue that lasts weeks; keeps you in bed for 24 hours; causes confusion; makes it hard to get through the day