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AMPUTATION

You may have complications following any surgical procedure. Complications that occur specifically from amputation include a joint deformity called contracture, a severe bruise called a hematoma, death of the skin flaps (necrosis), wound opening from poor healing, or infection. Your surgeon or physician can treat all of these complications. You may need to undergo further surgical treatment or another amputation procedure to a higher level.

Discharge Instructions

- Protect the stump – avoid trauma
- If you have a cast, check the affected limb often throughout the day to avoid edema (swelling)
- If it is a partial foot amputation do not put weight (non-weight bearing) unless you are wearing special foot wear that allows weight bearing or a cast
- If the wound is draining pus, smells foul, drainage smells foul, fever, chills, excessive erythema or necrosis of the flap. Call your physician.
- If you are diabetic – strict control of your diabetes is very important