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Skin that is swollen, red, and hot for longer than 15 minutes.

Blisters, open areas on the skin, scrapes, or draining wounds.

A black leathery area.

Equipment that doesn’t fit or needs repair.

If you notice any of these, call your clinic team immediately.

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