Recommended Wound Cleaning Steps

1 Wash hands, put on gloves, and remove old bandage.

2 Cleanse wound with wound wash, sterile normal saline, or running water.

3 Pat dry the skin around the wound.

4 Apply new, non-stick dressing to the base of the wound.

5 Apply a 2nd, securing bandage to healthy, intact skin.

6 Gently wrap if needed. Ensure normal skin temperature, color, sensation after wrapping.
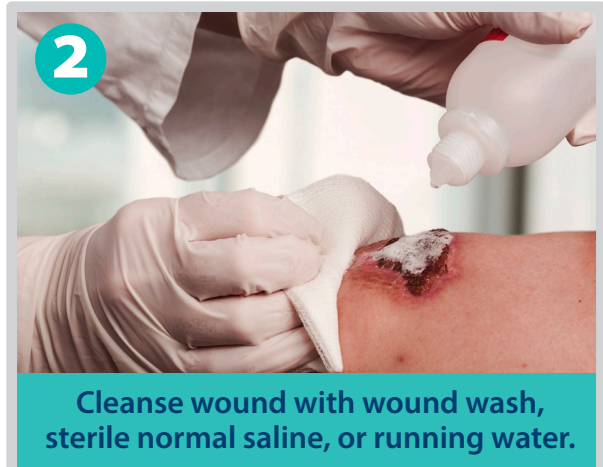
Xylazine, or Tranq, is a veterinary tranquilizer that is being cut into illicit drugs, powders, and counterfeit pills. It can cause severe wound infections, increase overdose risk, and make opioid-overdose reversals more difficult.

Signs of a Wound Infection
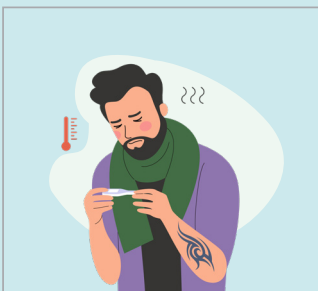
White, yellow, green, gray, or black tissue

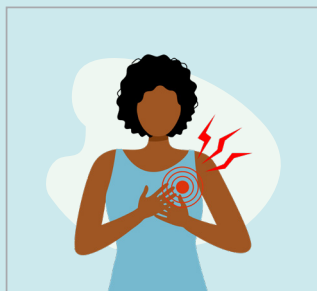**Heavy pus or oozing fluid or foul odor**

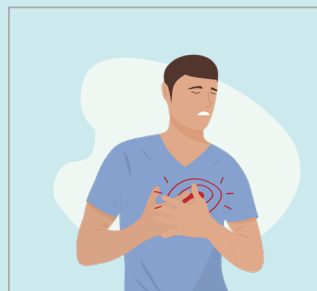**Loss of sensation, severe pain or reduced range of motion**

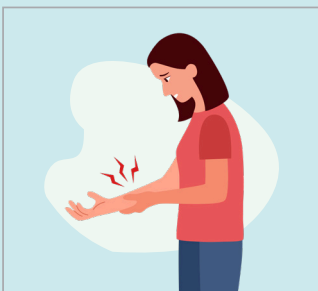## Serious Symptoms of a Body-wide Infection or Emergency

Fever

Chest pain

Difficulty breathing or fast shallow breathing

Numbness, tingling, or loss of sensation

Dizziness or lightheadedness

Weakness

Confusion

If you think your wound is infected, or if you're experiencing these symptoms, **call 911 or go to the Emergency Room** for immediate medical attention.