# Post Op Fever

#### First 24hrs:

think: normal rxn 2/2 inflam ddx: thyroid storm, transfusion rxn, MI, addisonian crisis, malignant hypothermia

#### First 7 days: the 5 W's



day 1-2: Wind -- PNA day 3-5: Water -- UTI day 4-6: Walking – DVT/PE day 5-7: Wound – Infxn day 7+: Wonder Drugs



<u>First month:</u> Ddx: line/tube infxn, deep abscess, C diff Colitis, anastomotic leak

### Bleeding

Me

not always visible on the outside, missed when internal vessels are cut or seeping and builds over time

Massive if over 1L lost tx: transfusion, another surg

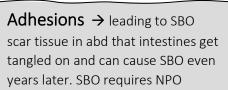
### Constipation

hard stools requiring effort cause: combination of anesthetics, opioids, sympathetic activation tx: give time & increase activity then docusate & glycerin, no dairy

### Dehiscense

opening of surgical incision Risks: obesity, uncontrolled DM, smoking, trauma, coughing, steroid use, noncompliance

Infxn is MCC



**lleus** = lack of peristalsis sx: bloating, +N/V after eating, XS belching, no BM or flatus, decreased bowel sounds

recovery order:

1-small intest 2-stomach 3-colon



tx: time, slow diet, stim gut motility with reglan, lactulose or erythromycin

## Seroma

clear yellow fluid that accumulates in empty spaces created by surgery

Lasts weeks-months can get infxn

# PostOp Complications

| Look for hypopyon   |      |
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| Trach/Tonsillectomy   | oids |
| Bariatric<br>SE: dumping syndrome<br>Xtreme pain after eating<br>too much |      |
| Ortho<br>SE: fat embolus,<br>compartment<br>syndrome<br>• OB/GYN          |      |