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AFTER SURGERY CARE PHASE I AND PHASE II

Should I worry if I experience popping or crunching noises or sensations after surgery?

Most joints that have undergone an injury will develop noises or sensations of popping or crunching (crepitation) which are normal. You should only be concerned if the popping is associated with immediate pain or if the joint also is catching or locking (getting stuck or hanging up when it is in motion). Catching and locking can sometimes occur for a brief time right after surgery, but should gradually get better and disappear within the first week or two.

If you have any doubt, call your surgeon.

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