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POSTOP SURGERY PHASE I

Is it normal for bloody fluid to soak through my bandages?

When we perform arthroscopic surgery on your joints, there is some fluid left inside the joint when we are done. This will mix with tiny droplets of blood and produce a red watery fluid which often leaks out and soaks through the bandages. If the red spot on your bandage does not get bigger than the size of an orange and it stops on its own without spreading further, there is no need to be concerned.

If the spot continues to spread for more than a day or there is obvious very rapid bleeding you should, of course, call us immediately.

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