

# Request title:

## Tissue monitoring following colorectal surgery

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### Request

What kind of methods are being used to monitor a tissue after surgery?  
More specifically, I am interested in the postoperative methods to monitor a tissue after a colorectal surgery. I am interested in the methods you use for monitoring the colon after removing a cancer-tumour, including wound following surgery.

### Reply:

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Immediately post operatively and until discharged home any wound is observed for bleeding and any signs of infection such as discharge and redness around the wound. Depending on the position of the wound and the dressing used in theatre, the wound is usually uncovered 48 hours post operatively and observed daily. On discharge the patient will be advised to monitor the wound and if there were to be any discharge or inflammation to contact their General Practitioner for assessment.