**Postoperative Monitoring**

Postoperatively the patient should be monitored for signs of peritonitis, hypotension, disseminated intravascular coagulation, and pain. Leakage after gastrointestinal surgery can happen within 24 hours of surgery if the suture technique was not correct or 3 to 4 days after surgery at the peak of the debridement phase. Clinical signs of peritonitis will be tachycardia, tachypnea, acute abdominal pain, hypoglycemia, and hyperthermia. An abdominocentesis is then required to confirm the presence of bacteria in the abdomen. If bacteria are presented past 8 hours after surgery, the anastomosis is leaking, and a second surgery is required.