Early Readmission Reduction Questionnaire

Instructions: Call ACHQC patients after ventral hernia repair (incisional, parastomal, epigastric, umbilical, abdominal wall reconstruction) WITHIN 1 WEEK OF DISCHARGE and ask the questions below. If any answer is ‘Yes,’ consideration should be given to a clinic visit with the surgical team BEFORE the scheduled routine postoperative follow up. PLEASE INFORM A MEMBER OF YOUR PRACTICE’S ACHQC TEAM THAT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WAS ADMINISTERED TO THIS PATIENT AND NEEDS TO BE RECORDED WITHIN THE ACHQC 30 DAY FOLLOW UP WHEN PERFORMED. THE ACTUAL RESPONSES BELOW DO NOT NEED TO BE RECORDED.

Questions about your incision:

1. Is there any drainage from your incision? 
   - Yes   - No
2. Is there any redness around your incision? 
   - Yes   - No
3. Is there any swelling around your incision? 
   - Yes   - No
4. Are you experiencing any increase in pain? 
   - Yes   - No
5. Have you experienced any fevers (temperatures greater than 101.5°F) since being discharged from the hospital? 
   - Yes   - No

Questions about your gastrointestinal/urinary tract:

6. Are you experiencing any nausea or vomiting? 
   - Yes   - No
7. Are you having difficulty passing gas or having a bowel movement? 
   - Yes   - No
8. Are you having problems urinating (burning, frequency)? 
   - Yes   - No

At this time, if ‘Yes’ is answered to any question, the interviewer should make a clinical assessment to see if the patient should return to clinic ahead of their scheduled follow-up appointment and make appropriate arrangements as needed.