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Knots and links play an important role in 3-manifolds and the equivalence relation of concordance of knots and links plays an important role in 4-manifolds. We will discuss our work that shows, loosely speaking, that we cannot hope to classify knot concordance without simultaneously classifying link concordance for links of an arbitrary number of components. Cochran-Friedl-Teichner considered generalized satellite operations $R: \text{SL}(m) \rightarrow \text{AS}$, called “infection by a string link”, where $\text{SL}(m)$ is the set of concordance classes of m -component links, AS is the set of concordance classes of algebraically slice knots, and the “pattern” knot R is some ribbon knot R . They proved that, for any such knot K there exists some R , m and L such that $R(L)=K$. We show that one cannot put an upper bound on m . Links arise from knots since the spine of a Seifert surface is essentially a link. Our obstructions are related to the Alexander polynomials of such links. (Received June 27, 2014)