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Care After Circumcision

Circumcision is a simple procedure most often done in the nursery before a baby boy goes home from the hospital. There are a number of ways to do circumcision. Your healthcare provider will explain the procedure and tell you what to expect. To care for your son after circumcision, follow the tips below.

Expect the Following:

- A crust of blood or yellowish coating appears around the head of the penis. Do not clean off the crust excessively or it may bleed.
- The penis swells a little, or bleeds a little around the incision.
- The head of the penis is red or slightly black-and-blue.
- Your baby cries at first when he urinates, or is fussy for the first few days.
- The circumcision should heal in 1 to 2 weeks.

Keep the Penis Clean

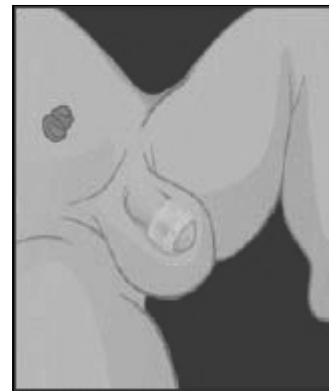
- Gently wash your son's penis with warm water.
- Use a soft washcloth.
- Let the skin air-dry.
- Change diapers often to help prevent infection.
- Coat the head of the penis with petroleum jelly if the healthcare provider says to.

For the Gomco or Mogan Clamp:

- If there is gauze or a bandage on the penis, you may be asked either to remove it the next day, or to change it each time you change diapers.

For the Plastibell Device:

- Let the cap fall off by itself. This takes 3 to 10 days.
- Call your healthcare provider if the cap falls off within the first 2 days or stays on for more than 10 days.



When to Call Your Health Care Provider

- The penis is very red or swells a lot.
- Your baby has a fever over 100.4°F.
- The discharge becomes heavy, is a greenish color, or lasts more than a week.
- Bleeding cannot be stopped by applying gentle pressure.