



## **Home Care for Circumcision**

Do not submerge your baby in water for 7 days. If your baby has a bowel movement and stool gets onto the penis, you can gently rinse it off under warm running water.

There may be a small amount of blood in the diaper for 1-2 days after the procedure. This is okay. You may also notice bruising or swelling. It usually takes 7 to 10 days for the penis to heal.

As it heals, the head of the penis may have a soft, yellow scab for a few days. This is normal. Do not try to remove it. Gently wipe the penis clean as needed.

It is important to apply an ointment (Petroleum Jelly, antibiotic ointment, etc.) on the tip of the penis or on the opposite side of the diaper to prevent the penis from sticking to the diaper until the skin has healed.

Your baby will most likely cry with every diaper change. This is normal, and does not necessarily mean they are in pain.

### **When do I need to call the office?**

Persistent bleeding – any blood spot larger than a 50 cent piece in the diaper, if there is blood dripping from the penis, or any bleeding after 48 hours.

No urine in the diaper longer than 12 hours after the procedure.

Fever over 100.4 rectally.

If the skin on the shaft of the penis is sticking to the tip and is not easy to separate then ask your pediatrician at the next well check.