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Pediatric Urology  
Care after Circumcision

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A circumcision is a procedure to remove the foreskin from the head of the penis.

**What to Expect:**

Dressing- There will be a clear bandage wrapped around his penis or a clear glue-like dressing. If your son has a bandage it should be removed by you in two days. It should pull off easily from the top. Leaving it on for longer than two days can increase the risk of infection. Once the bandage is removed please start applying Vaseline on the penis with each diaper change until it has finished healing. If stool gets on his dressing please try to wipe it gently. If it is underneath the dressing, the please remove the dressing at that time. If the dressing falls off earlier by itself, leave it off and begin applying the Vaseline.

Pain Management- You will leave with a prescription for pain. Please give only as prescribed and most children need it routinely 2-3 days after surgery. If you have used the amount prescribed and your child still needs pain medication, we will need to see him in the office. Please be aware that pain medications can be constipating and treat as needed.

Healing- His penis will be swollen, red, tender and have yellowish drainage for 1-2 weeks. This is normal for healing after a circumcision.

Bathing- You can give a quick tub bath or shower after the dressing comes off. Please do not allow him to soak in the tub or go to the pool for one week to prevent the stitches from falling out too quickly.

Stitches- Your son will have several stiches on his penis. All of these will dissolve and fall out over the next 1-2 weeks. Applying the Vaseline will keep them from sticking to the diaper during changes.

**When to Call:**

Fever- Please call if he has a fever over 101.5

Concerns of Infection- Remember that redness, swelling, and some drainage is completely normal. Please call if there is fever, the penis is hot to touch, or it looks more swollen and “waxy” red by the day instead of better each day.

Pain- Please call if he is having severe pain despite giving him pain medication as prescribed.

Difficulty urinating- Many children do not pee for several hours after surgery and it is normal. It is impossible to give you a specific time frame for which your child should pee. However, we should be notified if his lower belly starts to look larger than normal, he is increasingly uncomfortable and you feel like he has a moderate amount of fluids and should have urinated by that time.

Bleeding- Your son will have some bleeding after his circumcision. Several spots of blood on his diaper/underwear are completely normal. Please call us if you can see that he is actively bleeding or having more bleeding than expected.