



Pediatric Urology

Circumcision Instructions After Surgery

What should I expect following my son's surgery?

Dressing—Your baby had a circumcision today and will go home with a clear bandage wrapped around his penis. This bandage should be removed by you at home 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 or other healing problems.

Once the bandage is removed, please apply antibiotic ointment (such as Neosporin) on the penis with each diaper change until it has finished healing. If any stool gets on his dressing, please wipe it off gently. If it is up under the dressing, remove the dressing right away. If the dressing falls off earlier by itself, leave it off and begin applying Neosporin.

Pain Management—You will leave with a prescription for either Tylenol with codeine or Lortab. Please give it only as prescribed. Most children need it routinely for only two or three days.

If you have used the amount prescribed and your baby still needs pain medication, he will need to be seen in our office. Please be aware that pain medications can cause constipation, so treat your son accordingly.

Healing—Your son's penis will be swollen, red, tender and have a yellowish drainage for the first week or two. These conditions are normal for healing after a circumcision.

Bathing—You can give your baby a quick tub bath or shower once the dressing comes off. To prevent stitches from falling out too quickly, do not let him soak in a tub or go to a pool for one week.

Stitches—Your son will have several stitches on his penis. They will all dissolve and fall out over the next week or two. Applying antibiotic ointment will help keep them from sticking to his diaper during changes.

When should I call the doctor's office? (864) 454-5135

Fever—Please call if your son has a fever over 101.5°F.

Possible Infection—Remember that redness, swelling and some drainage are normal after surgery. Please call if there is fever, the penis is hot to the touch or if the penis looks more swollen and "waxy" red by the day instead of better each day.

Pain—Please call if your son is having severe pain despite giving him pain medication as prescribed.

Difficulty Urinating—Many babies do not pee for several hours after surgery, which is normal. It is impossible to give you a specific timeframe for when your son should pee. However, call us if his lower belly starts to look larger than normal, he is increasingly uncomfortable, and you feel like he has had a moderate amount of fluids and should have urinated.

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