

## **After Care Instructions for a Circumcision**

Your son has just undergone a circumcision. He had local anesthesia (numbing medicine) which should last 1-2 hours.

If you feel he needs something for the pain you may give him 1.25 ml of infant Tylenol/Acetaminophen (160mg/5ml) by mouth every 4 hours, for one day.

Only give him sponge baths until seen by the doctor. Also, sponge bathe your infant until belly button stump falls off.

His penis is wrapped in Vaseline gauze which leaves part of the head exposed so that he can pee with no problem. Don't be surprised if the gauze falls off today. Some blood on the gauze is completely normal. If there is flowing blood, take a fresh gauze or a washcloth and apply it with pressure around the penis for 1-2 minutes. This will usually stop any bleeding. If the bleeding doesn't stop after 5 minutes of pressure, please call 702-248-7337 for advice.

You may allow the gauze to fall off on its own. The gauze may fall off immediately or fall off up to 48 hours after the procedure. It is not necessary to remove it unless it is getting in the way. If it hasn't come off before we see him, we can remove it in the office. If it is difficult to remove, you can soak it off. Until it is off, clean the diaper area as you normally would.

Place a blob of Vaseline petroleum jelly in the front of the diaper until he is seen for his follow up appointment. Please make the follow up appointment before you leave today and please remember to get his 2<sup>nd</sup> PKU done.

The healing time for most boys is about 7-14 days. Some heal faster than others and healing is a very individual thing. Initially the penis will be very red and swollen and may have yellow scabs NOT pus. Please don't pick at them. After the penis is healed the head often has a purplish-blue color to it. Swelling may take longer than 14 days to resolve.

If your son has fever (rectal temperature above 100.4 F) take him to the Siena ER right away.