



Circumcision Care

After your son has been circumcised, you will need to keep that area clean.

- Gently clean with warm water. Soapy water may be used if needed.
- Do not run the area, only gently blot if needed.
- Do not use baby wipes.
- After cleaning, apply a liberal amount of petroleum jelly on the penis &/or on the front of the diaper until healed. This can help your son avoid pain from rubbing and sticking to his diaper.

It typically takes between 7 and 10 days for the penis to heal. At first, the tip of the penis may appear slightly swollen and red. You may even notice a small amount of blood in his diaper. You may also notice a slight yellow discharge or crust after a couple days. This is a normal part of the healing process.

Call the office immediately if you notice any of the following problems:

- Bleeding that is not stopping.
- More than a quarter-size amount of blood on his diaper.
- Redness getting worse or not going away after 7 to 10 days.
- Fever.
- Other signs of infection, including swelling or discharge getting worse, or puss-filled blisters.
- Not peeing normally within 12 hours after the circumcision.

With quick intervention, most circumcision-related problems are easily treated.