

Legacy Women's Services Circumcision Care information

What to expect:

- Your baby's penis will be red for several days. A yellowish white film may appear around the head of the penis as it is healing. When healing is complete, the head of the penis will look like normal skin. This usually takes 5-8 days.
- Your son may have some discomfort for one day. You may use acetaminophen (Tylenol) every 6 hours for one day if he seems to have pain. Check with your Pediatrician if he seems to be very fussy after one day. Your hospital nurse will show you the correct acetaminophen dose.

Notify your Pediatrician if:

- There is any bright red bleeding or oozing.
- Your baby does not urinate within 12 hours of the procedure.
- The redness and swelling around the head of the penis is getting worse.
- There is a thick, smelly, yellow or green discharge.
- You cannot easily remove the gauze bandage.

Other tips to help the circumcision site heal well:

- While the circumcision is healing, avoid diaper wipes with alcohol or fragrance. These can irritate sensitive skin. Clean with plain water.

Protect:

- Keep the area covered with a gauze pad coated with Vaseline for 5-8 days or until it is healed. This will prevent the diaper from sticking. Replace the gauze if it is soiled or with each diaper change.

When should my newborn be checked by the Pediatrician after having a circumcision?

- Follow up with your Pediatrician in 2-3 days or sooner if you have any concerns about healing.