

POST CIRCUMCISION CARE

CIRCUMCISION AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS:

VASELINE GAUZE:

- You may remove the Vaseline gauze tomorrow. To aid in removal, you may wet it before unwrapping. If it falls off before tomorrow, you do not need to replace it.
- You may bathe or shower, starting tomorrow.
- Apply ointment (Vaseline, Neosporin or Aquaphor) to the head of the penis every diaper change for one week to prevent the penis from sticking to the diaper/underwear.

DERMABOND:

- The dermabond will usually flake off within 7-10 days. If it does not fall off on its own, you may remove it during routine bathing.
- You may bathe or shower, starting tomorrow.

GENERAL AFTERCARE:

- In some cases, you will have a special gauze called SURGICEL placed to help with bleeding after the procedure. Do not remove this gauze. It will fall off on its own in several days.
- Make sure the skin of the shaft stays free from attachment to the rim of the head of the penis by gently pulling down on the shaft skin before applying ointment. This may require lubrication for up to 2-3 weeks, or as needed. You may start this 3-4 days after the circumcision, or when the dermabond falls off.

WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AFTER THE PROCEDURE?

- The penis may initially look red, swollen or bruised, or have minimal bleeding.
- Your child may be fussy and not sleep well for a couple days after the procedure.
- A yellow film may form along the circumcision line. This will disappear as it heals. It is not an infection; do not wipe it off.
- If sutures were placed, they will dissolve on their own in a few weeks.

REASONS TO CALL THE DOCTOR:

- No urination within 12 hours of the circumcision.
- Excessive bleeding that cannot be controlled by holding continuous gentle pressure for five minutes.
- Worsening redness or swelling of the penis.

DO I NEED TO FOLLOW UP?

- Follow-up is typically not necessary after a circumcision; however, if you have any concerns or questions, our office staff will be happy to assist you.

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