

**Caring for Your Child**  
**AFTER CIRCUMCISION**

**Appearance**

- After the circumcision, your child's penis may be red, swollen, and bruised after the dressing is removed. This is normal.
- As your child begins to heal, the skin may change in color and consistency. It may look red, yellow and/or crusty.
- Your child may have a small amount of bleeding at his surgical site. It is normal to see a few drops of blood on the diaper. Check your child's penis when you arrive home. If it is bleeding, you will need to apply pressure to the area (squeeze gently). Usually, five minutes of pressure will be enough to control bleeding. If this does not work, apply pressure for 10 minutes more. If you are not able to stop the bleeding, call the hospital at the number listed below.

**Dressing**

- Your child may have a small dressing over his penis. If the dressing falls off, you do not need to replace it. Your surgeon will tell you when to remove the dressing. You can remove the dressing by soaking your son in a warm bath, unless otherwise instructed. You should give him a bath with clear water to keep the area clean. Do not use soap for 2-3 days after the procedure, it will cause burning.
- After the dressing is off, apply petroleum jelly (Vaseline) to the inside of your son's diaper so that his penis does not stick to the diaper. Do this for 7-10 days. If his penis does stick to his diaper, soak the diaper off in the tub.
- To prevent adhesions (reattachment of the skin), it is important that you press on your baby's pre-pubic area (at the base of the penis between the belly and the penis) with your fingers. This will fully expose your baby's penis. Apply Vaseline around the circumcision site. You may need to continue doing this with each diaper change or after bathing until your child outgrows his baby fat pad.

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**Pain Management**

- Your child may be uncomfortable on the day of the circumcision. You may give acetaminophen (Tylenol, Panadol, Tempra, etc.) every four hours as needed. Follow the instructions on the label for correct dosage.

**Activity**

- Your child should not use straddle toys (walkers, bikes, jumper chairs, etc.) for two or more weeks. You must use his car seat.
- Your child can go in a pool two days after surgery.
- He may return to school when comfortable, usually within 3-5 days.
- He may not join in gym class or sports for 2 weeks after surgery.

**Call the hospital if you have any questions or if your son experiences any of the following:**

- Fever greater than 101.5°F by mouth or 102.5°F rectally
- Pain that is not relieved with pain medication
- Increased bleeding from the surgical site

**Phone Numbers:**

- Your son's circumcision was done by a **urologist**. If you have any questions or concerns, please call:

**Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30: 215 590-2754**

**Evenings, Weekends, Holidays: 215 590-1000 and ask to speak to the urologist on call.**

- Your son's circumcision was done by a **general surgeon**. If you have any questions or concerns, please call:

**Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30: 215 590-2730**

**Evenings, Weekends, Holidays: 215 590-1000 and ask to speak with the general surgeon on call.**

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