



Information for You from Your Health Care Team

After Your Child's Circumcision

What about my child's activities?

- Avoid rough play for 2 weeks, as it may cause oozing from the incision.
- Return to daycare or preschool when they are no longer in pain, usually 1-2 days.
- No swimming for 5 days. After 5 days swimming allowed in a chlorinated pool (as long as oozing from the incision has stopped)

When should my child take a bath?

- The morning after the surgery, soak your child in the tub two times per day for 10-15 minutes, continue for 10 days. Bathing assists in healing, comfort and cleanliness.
- Do not scrub your child's penis. Let the penis air dry following the bath.

How should I take care of my child's incision?

- Stitches do not need to be removed, the body will absorb them.
- It is normal for the penis to be sensitive and look red and swollen for 7-10 days.
- Sometimes a white, blister-like area forms on the incision line. This is a 'wet scab', it will heal and disappear.

For all Children:

- Bacitracin ointment should be applied generously to the stitches on the penis and the head of the penis with every diaper change or at least 4-5 times per day for 2 weeks.
For older children not in diapers apply bacitracin 3 times a day.

What medicine should I give my child for pain?

- Motrin® may be used the day after surgery for pain relief

Younger than 12 months:

- Tylenol® may be given to your child every 4 hours for the discomfort.

12 months and older:

- Tylenol with Codeine every 4 hours as needed for discomfort..
Do not give the child any narcotic medicines containing Tylenol at the same time as regular Tylenol. Narcotic medication containing Tylenol include Lortab and Vicodin.

What should my child eat?

- Regular diet

When do I bring my child back to the doctor?

- Your child should be seen in the office 7-14 days after the surgery.
An appointment should have already been made for you and is noted on the papers you received from our office. If it has not been made please call 315-464-2878 for an appointment

When should I call the doctor:

- Temperature greater than 101°
- Excessive bleeding (some spotting is normal).
- Extreme irritability .
- Pain not controlled with the pain medicine
- No interest in eating or drinking (especially after the first 24 hours).

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