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## INSTRUCTION SHEET-CIRCUMCISION AFTER CARE

Your son has just been circumcised. Please read this information and ensure you understand all directions before leaving the physicians office.

1. A gauze dressing has been placed on the penis. Remove this gauze after 12 hours. If it is difficult to remove use a warm wet washcloth to moisten it and this will facilitate removal.
2. With each following diaper change place a large amount of Vaseline over the tip of the penis. You may cover it with gauze if desired, but not medically necessary. Do not use paste like creams (desitin etc. These do not lubricate the area) you will continue this until the skin appears non-inflamed and similar to surrounding skin. The purpose of this is to keep the new skin from sticking to the diaper and causing bleeding.
3. Clean the penis with warm washcloth and water only. Do not use soap or wet wipes until the area is healed. No submersion in water or true baths other than sponge bathing. Keeping this area sterile is very difficult the child will urinate and stool all over it so do not worry about this just keep it as clean as you are able to without causing trauma to the area.
4. A small amount of blood (size of a quarter or smaller) is normal. This requires no special care Notify the doctor if you see bleeding freely or the area is larger than a quarter.
5. The circumcision takes about 2 weeks to fully heal. A small amount of swelling is normal. The tip of the penis will appear red and raw initially, then a thin yellowish coating will form. It looks a bit like dried egg yolk. This IS NORMAL. If there is any drainage, odor, or thick discharge in the diaper this is NOT NORMAL and needs to be evaluated.
6. Urination should remain normal. If you note that your child has not peed 12 hours after the circumcision or seems to be in pain, notify your doctor.
7. Adhesions will not occur in the first week after circumcision if an adequate amount of Vaseline is used. There is no need for you to retract or pull the skin down off the glans until at least two weeks after the circumcision. At that time you should have your first well child visit with your doctor and they will instruct you on what to do.
8. Your baby should feed as usual after a circumcision. You may use Tylenol as directed if needed for fussiness or pain.

**Reasons for concern: If you notice any of the following call your doctor-- foul odor, persistent bleeding, discharge from the penis, body temperature below 97.5 degrees or greater than 100.4 degrees rectally. If you have any other concerns do not hesitate to call with questions.**