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Pediatric Urology  
Circumcision

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A circumcision is a procedure to remove the foreskin from the head of the penis. The most common complications are bleeding and infection. Proper care after circumcision helps decrease the chances of problems.

**Preparing for your infant's circumcision:**

\*\*\*Your child will receive an injection of local anesthetic at the start of the procedure. Parents are welcome to wait in our waiting room or lobby until the procedure is complete. \*\*\*

Hygiene- You should bathe the baby as normal in the morning. Wash around the genitals, but please do not attempt to retract his foreskin. Place a clean diaper on your baby and bring extra diapers. Please bring your baby's pacifier.

Feeding- Your baby should have his normal feeds up to one hour before his circumcision.

**After care**

The head of the penis will be swollen, red, and tender. There may be a small amount of blood at first or yellow-colored drainage later. This is normal for healing after a circumcision. Your baby may have some discomfort with diaper changes the first few days.

Dressings- Please double diaper your baby for the first 24 hours following his circumcision. Please start applying petroleum jelly or A&D ointment on the penis or the front of the diaper with each diaper change. You will need to gently push back the shaft skin with each diaper change to prevent adhesions from forming.

Bathing- Please bathe him as usual.

Stitches- Stitches are not normally required for an infant circumcision. If stitches have been used, these will fall out by themselves within 7-10 days. Do not attempt to remove them. There is no special attention needed in regards to the stitches.

**Call our office at (864) 454-5135 for the following:**

- \*Failure to void (pee) within 8 hours after the procedure
- \*Signs/symptoms of infection (fever 100.8 or higher, foul smelling drainage or excessive irritation of the site)
- \*The stitches have not fallen out after 14 days
- \*Baby appears to be in severe pain