



CIRCUMCISION CARE

After newborn circumcision, the tip of the penis may be inflamed, red and raw for 2 or 3 days. The skin over the shaft of the penis, especially near the head, may be a little swollen. Also, sometimes yellow patches of wet scab may form. All this is normal. Minor discomfort for 1 or 2 days is also normal.

Basic care is simple: comfort measures and a little Vaseline (or Neosporin).

- Acetaminophen, ¼ tsp (1.25 ml) by mouth every 4 hours if your baby seems uncomfortable
- Remove and discard telfa pad (the one applied by the Doctor) with first diaper change
- A smear of Vaseline on the inside of each diaper so the raw areas do not adhere (first 2 to 3 days until healed)
- Gentle cleansing of penis with water and routine sponge baths as usual

Things to watch for:

- Excessive bleeding (more than a few drops in the diaper after the first or second diaper change)
- Redness or swelling that gets worse after the first day
- No urination within 6 to 8 hours
- Temperature greater than 99.5 under arm or 100.5 rectal

The Doctor will be happy to re-check your baby in a few days (at no extra charge) if you have any concerns.