



Childhood circumcision

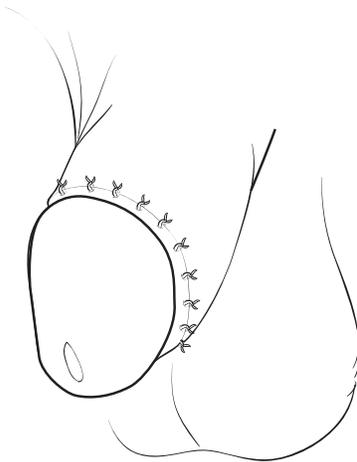
Discharge instructions



A circumcision has been performed to remove your boy's foreskin.

Your son has had a circumcision. The foreskin was removed to uncover the head of the penis. Skin edges at the site of incision were brought together with dissolving stitches. These stitches will fall off on their own. Ask about bathing/showering instructions.

Circumcised penis with sutures



If a dressing is used, ask for instructions on its care. Your urologist may recommend the use of an ointment on the penis. Any swelling or bruising of the penis will usually disappear within two weeks of the circumcision.

The effects of the anaesthetic will have worn off completely within 24 hours. Local anaesthetic ("freezing") may also have been used during the surgery. Its effect will wear off slowly over several hours.

Pain is usually minimal and resolves after a few days. Acetaminophen (Tempra™, Tylenol™, etc.) can be given as needed at the dose recommended for your son's age. The uncovered head of the penis is usually sensitive for a few weeks. Your son will likely be more comfortable in loose clothing and out of diapers, if appropriate.

Your child should be able to urinate normally after having a circumcision. Most urologists feel that boys can be bathed safely within 24 hours of the procedure.

Most boys should be able to return to school or daycare within a few days of having a circumcision.

Precautions

There may be slight oozing of blood from the incision in the first 48 hours. Applying firm pressure to the bleeding area with clean gauze or tissue for 10 minutes will usually control it. If bleeding persists, you should contact your doctor or go to the hospital Emergency Room.

A foul smelling discharge, increasing swelling or redness of the penis after four days may indicate infection. Please contact your urologist if you are concerned.

Follow-up

A follow-up appointment may be arranged with either your urologist or family doctor.

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