

# Circumcision Discharge Instructions

Circumcision is the surgical removal of excess skin from the tip of the penis.

## Diet/Nausea

Follow the guidelines as outlined in the **general anesthesia handout**.

## Site Care

If your son wears diapers, check for bleeding or drainage each time you change him. Clean the diaper area as you normally do. Apply ointment recommended by the doctor to the incision. Let it melt around the area; do not try to spread it. Do this at each diaper change as directed. For older boys not in diapers, apply the ointment four times a day for one week. You may want to use thin mini pads in the underwear to reduce stains. After 24 hours, your son may bathe or shower. Follow the doctor's instructions for bathing. Do not wash off the white or yellow colored drainage that is a normal part of the healing process. It will go away as the circumcision heals.

## Pain/Comfort

Discomfort and some swelling around the penis are to be expected. Stitches may or may not be present. Give medicine as prescribed by your doctor. Fasten diapers loosely to avoid excessive pressure on the penis.

## Activity

As tolerated.

## Urinary

Your child should have no difficulty urinating. Ideally, the patient will urinate before leaving the same day surgery area.

## Questions or Problems

Contact Telehealth Nursing at 651-229-3890 if any of the following conditions are present:

- Fever over 101.5 F
- Throat irritation
- Severe pain

Make An Appointment **651-290-8707** Refer a Patient **651-325-2200**

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If you are a Gillette patient with urgent questions or concerns, please contact Telehealth Nursing at **651-229-3890**.