



Care Of A New Circumcision

The glans (or head) of the penis has been exposed now that the foreskin has been removed. The foreskin itself has been cut and needs to heal. There may be a small amount of bleeding. The redness and swelling will go away as healing occurs over the next few days. As part of this normal healing process, a yellow film may form over the area. This would form a scab if it was open to the air, but because it is kept damp inside a diaper it doesn't become dry and crusted. Using Vaseline or petroleum jelly on the area prevents it from sticking to the diaper.

Apply a moderate amount of Vaseline to the glans each time you change a diaper over the next 24 hours. $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of Tylenol may be given for pain relief if needed.

As healing progresses, a white film may form over the glans. This is normal and you should not try to wash this off.

Your baby may be sleepy, irritable, and obviously uncomfortable, especially when the penis is handled and cleaned.

You can gently cleanse the penis with clear water as healing occurs. (Don't be too rough, as bleeding could result). It is OK to give your baby a tub bath. If a ridge of foreskin remains after the circumcision is healed, discuss this with your physician.

Please call if you have questions or concerns.

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