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CIRCUMCISION POST-PROCEDURE CARE

After the circumcision is completed, petroleum jelly (Vaseline) gauze dressing is usually applied. This gauze should be removed and replaced with every diaper changed for 24 hours. The circumcision site should be cleaned with warm water and a cotton ball once or twice a day. The infant should urinate within 12 hours of the procedure.

After the first 24 hours, petroleum jelly (Vaseline) should be applied directly to the penis for three to five days. This helps keep the area clean and keeps the wound site from adhering to the diaper. At first, the penis will appear red. In a few days, a soft yellow scab will develop. This is normal and will go away in a few days. During this process, parents should watch for worsening redness, swelling, bleeding (larger than a quarter-size on the diaper) or drainage that does not go away. Any of these signs requires an immediate call to the infant's healthcare provider.

Usually the penis needs no further care once it has healed.