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Circumcision Care and Problems

DESCRIPTION

A circumcision is the removal of the normal male foreskin. The incision is initially red and tender. The tenderness should be minimal by the third day. The scab at the incision line comes off in 7 to 10 days. If a Plastibell ring was used, it should fall off by 14 days (10 days on the average), so don't pull it off because you could cause bleeding. In newborn babies any cuts, scrapes, or scabs on the head of the penis may normally heal with a yellowish colored skin if the baby has been jaundiced. This color in healing tissue is commonly mistaken for an infection or pus.

HOME CARE

1. ***Plastibell Ring Type:*** Gently cleanse the area with water three times a day or whenever it becomes soiled. Soap is usually unnecessary. An antibiotic ointment such Neosporin or Bacitracin should be applied on the incision line and head of the penis after cleansing to keep them soft during healing.
2. ***Incision Type:*** Leave the dressing intact for it will fall off on its own. Do not bathe (immerse) infant for 48 hours; after, bathe as usual. Dressing will fall off with soaking. Apply Triple Antibiotic Ointment in a counterclockwise manner with each diaper change to keep the area soft during healing.

CALL YOUR CHILD'S PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY IF:

Your child has been circumcised recently and

- The urine comes out in dribbles.
- The head of the penis turns blue or black.
- Blood clots or a dark red spot of blood bigger than a quarter are noted on diaper.
- If the entire head of the penis sticks out through the center of the Plastibell.
- Your baby develops a fever or is acting sick

CALL YOUR CHILD'S PHYSICIAN DURING OFFICE HOURS IF:

- The circumcision looks abnormal to you.
- The Plastibell ring does not fall off within 14 days.
- You have other concerns or questions.

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