

Circumcision

Discharge instructions for home

To Learn More

- Urology
206-987-2509
- Ask your child's nurse or doctor
- www.seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your child's nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.
- For Deaf and hard of hearing callers
206-987-2280 (TTY)

Circumcision is an operation to remove the foreskin and uncover the head of the penis.

How do I care for the surgery site?

After surgery the incision area will look swollen and red. Within a few weeks, the area will return to normal.

- Apply antibiotic ointment (Neosporin, Polysporin, Bacitracin, etc.) to the tip of the penis and around the PlastiBell ring (if one is used) with each diaper change, or after your child uses the toilet, for 12 days.
- If bleeding occurs, apply constant, gentle pressure with a gauze pad to the penis for five minutes.

How much activity can my child do?

- Watch your child closely today. Most children can go back to normal activity in 24 hours.
- Sponge bathe only for the first 24 hours, then resume regular bathing daily.

What should I give my child for pain?

- Discomfort is common right after surgery but should get better after the first day.
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol, Liquiprim, Panadol, etc.) should provide adequate pain relief. Use as directed by your doctor.

When should the ring fall off?

If a PlastiBell ring is used, it should fall off after five days. If the ring falls off **before** 5 days, call us to schedule an appointment. If the ring does not fall off **after** 10 days, call us to schedule an appointment.

When should I call a doctor?

If your child is having any problems, call our office at 206-987-2509 during the day. After hours call 206-987-2000 and ask the hospital operator for Urology.

Call us if your child has any of these warning signs:

- Fever higher than 101.5° F (38.6° C)
- Redness and swelling that spreads up into the stomach area
- Bleeding that cannot be stopped after five minutes of pressure has been applied
- Severe, constant pain

Seattle Children's offers interpreter services for Deaf, hard of hearing or non-English speaking patients, family members and legal representatives free of charge. Seattle Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Call the Family Resource Center at 206-987-2201.

This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Seattle Children's. However, your child's needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your child's healthcare provider.

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