

Circumcision Photo Guide: What to expect after surgery

What to expect after your son has circumcision surgery

These photos show examples of normal healing after circumcision surgery. You can use them as a guide to help you understand what to expect after your child's surgery. Every patient and surgery is unique. Contact your child's health care provider if you have any questions.



Example 1

This penis is healing as expected. Notice the swelling is greater on one side than the other. This uneven swelling may make the penis point to one side until it gets better. The white / yellow area is not pus. This is part of the healing process. This is a collection of skin oils and skin cells. The redness is also a normal part of healing.



Example 2

This penis is also healing as expected. There is less swelling but more healing tissue on the surface of the glans or head of the penis. As the new skin layers develop, this yellowed tissue will shed into new skin layers. This is normal.

To Learn More

- Urology
206-987-2509
- General Surgery
206-987-0237
- 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.



Example 3

This penis is less red and more dry. This is normal healing. The yellow material is not pus. This collection of skin oil and skin cells is drying as the penis heals. You can protect this area with petroleum jelly as it heals. There is also some bruising after surgery which heals on its own. The swelling is more obvious from this angle and will get better with time.



Example 4

The swelling is improving in this example. There is some bruising which can happen after surgery. This bruising will heal on its own. Notice that the skin color is becoming more neutral. There are new skin layers replacing the yellow matter noticed above.

What if I have any questions or concerns?

If you have any questions, call your child's specialty surgery clinic during the day. After hours, call 206-987-2000 and ask the hospital operator for the General surgeon on call or Urology surgeon on call depending on which service did your child's surgery.