



## **Discharge Instructions for Care Following Circumcision**

### **What should I expect after circumcision?**

- Antibiotic ointment should be used with each diaper change to keep the wound from sticking to the diaper/prevent infection.
- A yellowish discharge or coating may form where the circumcision was done.
- This is part of the healing process, but this should not last longer than a week.
- The Plastibell will fall off in 4 to 21 days.
- It takes 7-10 days for the penis to fully heal after circumcision once the bell has fallen off.

### **Are there any problems that can happen after circumcision?**

Problems after circumcision are rare.

If any of the following concerns arise, contact Dr. Khan at the Saskatoon Community Clinic, 306-652-0300.

- Your baby does not urinate normally within 24 hours after the circumcision.
- There is persistent bleeding.
- There is redness around the tip of the penis that gets worse after three to five days.
- You notice any other signs of infection such as swelling or foul-smelling discharge.
- The Plastibell has not fallen off within 21 days.

### **Bathing your baby after circumcision:**

- Squeeze water on the penis during diaper changes to keep clean.
- No bathing on the day of the procedure.
- Bathing can commence as per usual the first day after the procedure.

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