

## **CIRCUMCISION POST OPERATIVE CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

### **FOLLOW UP:**

Your child will need a post operative appointment at approximately two (2) weeks after circumcision.

### **SURGICAL SITE/WOUND CARE:**

Leave the vaseline gauze and wound bandage/dressing on the penis for two (2) days. Allow the dressing to come off naturally on its own. Do not apply soaps to the area

You should not be concerned if the dressing falls off prior to two (2) days

Apply vaseline around the surgical wound site after every urination/diaper change but at least three (3) to four (4) times per day for one (1) week.

Keep diapers as loose as possible to prevent rubbing on the tip of the penis and displacement of the dressings and vaseline

The skin of the penis needs to stay pulled back. If the skin slips over the incision site, gently push it back with your fingers.

Some swelling at the site of the surgery is to be expected. The swelling should go away in about one (1) to two (2) weeks.

DO NOT use any ointments or creams like A&D, Desitin, Zinc Oxide, etc on th penis area until after the follow-up appointment or until cleared by the physician.

### **EXPECTATIONS:**

There are some post operative changes that should be anticipated after the circumcision. Some of the most common changes to expect are as follows:

1. Swelling as noted above for up to two (2) weeks after surgery
2. Mild color changes/discoloration for one (1) to two (2) days post surgery
3. Small amount of bleeding for one (1) or two (2) days after the surgery

### **PROBLEMS or CONCERNS:**

There are some common problems which may occur. If the following problems occur, please call our office:

1. Discharge such as pus coming from the penis surgical area
2. Abnormal odor coming from the penis area
3. The entire penis turn dark or purple in color
4. There is no urine output/wet diaper for eight (8) hours after circumcision
5. Fever, temperature above 100.4 Fahrenheit or 38 Centigrade
6. Difficulty with eating, vomiting, bowel movements, urination, or unusual fussiness

### **BATHING:**

Infants do not require baths every day. They are only required when the baby is visibly soiled or once or twice per week.

Bathe the baby as otherwise with sponge baths. Do not submerge the penis area under water or soak for at least two (2) days after surgery.

### **ACTIVITY:**

Your baby can return to daycare at any time after circumcision, as long as the caregivers are instructed on how to care for the penis.

### **PROBLEMS:**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 470.502.0202 to speak with one of the staff members. If it is after the office has closed, please call the office number and you will be directed to the answering service, which can contact Dr. Perry.