

CIRCUMCISION

HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR BABY

Pain Relief: Your baby will feel most discomfort for the first day only. If he is very distressed, give Paracetamol syrup 5ml every 4-6 hours (available from your local Chemist).

Note: *If baby is under 3 months give 2.5mls of Paracetamol syrup.*

Hygiene & Wound Care: Nappies should be worn as normal. Do not use any special creams, except if wound is sticking to nappy then use Vaseline on the end.

Allow your baby to soak in a bath of warm water twice daily. Add 2 tablespoons of salt to the water and a capful of Dettol – stir to disperse. Let the baby sit in the bath for 10-15 minutes.

The skin around the plastic rim will gradually go yellow then black, expect to see some swelling and redness as well. This is normal so please do not worry.

The plastic bell will fall off between 5 to 8 days. Full healing usually takes between 10 to 14 days.

Bleeding: If severe bleeding occurs, so that the nappy becomes soaked, phone us immediately.

If any problems contacting us, take immediately to:
MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS RARE (1-2%) BUT WOULD GENERALLY OCCUR WITHIN THE FIRST 6-10 HOURS AFTER THE OPERATION.

Infection: Occasionally after 3-4 days, instead of mild swelling the circumcision area may become more red and swollen with yellow discharge (pus) from an infection. Try using the Savlon Spray Powder (Available from Chemist). If there is no improvements contact your own G.P for advice and treatment.