



Circumcision – After-Care for *the Gomco Method*

Here are instructions for how to care for your son now that he has been circumcised.

- If the penis has been wrapped with Vaseline gauze, leave it on until the next day. Remove the gauze sooner if it gets stool on it. Wetting the gauze helps to remove it more easily.
- Don't worry if there is a moist, yellow coating over the glans (head) of the penis. This is part of the healing – it is called "granulation tissue."
- Every time you change the diaper for the next five days, or until all the granulation tissue is gone, place Vaseline over the glans (head) of the penis, and on the front of the diaper. This will prevent the diaper from sticking to the wound as it heals.
- Only sponge bathe your son for the next 3-7 days, until healing has progressed well.
- Clean the diaper area gently with warm water. Wait until the area has healed before using diaper wipes.

It's possible that your son may be fussy for a few hours after the procedure. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) may help, but if you need to give this more than two times, please call us. Here is the dosage, depending on which infant acetaminophen you have:

- "Infant's Acetaminophen Oral Suspension" (160 mg / 5 ml). Dose: 1.25 ml every 4-6 hours. This is the *newer* version. It comes with a measuring syringe, not a dropper.
- "Infant's Acetaminophen Concentrated Drops" (80 mg / 0.8 ml). Dose: 0.4 ml every 4-6 hours. This is the *older* version, soon to be discontinued. It comes with a dropper.

If you have questions about the dosage, please call us.

Call us if:

- He develops a fever of 100.4 degrees or more.
- The wound continues to bleed significantly.
- There is pus, or swelling of the penis.
- He hasn't urinated by eight hours after the procedure.
- You have questions about the surgical site, or any questions at all.