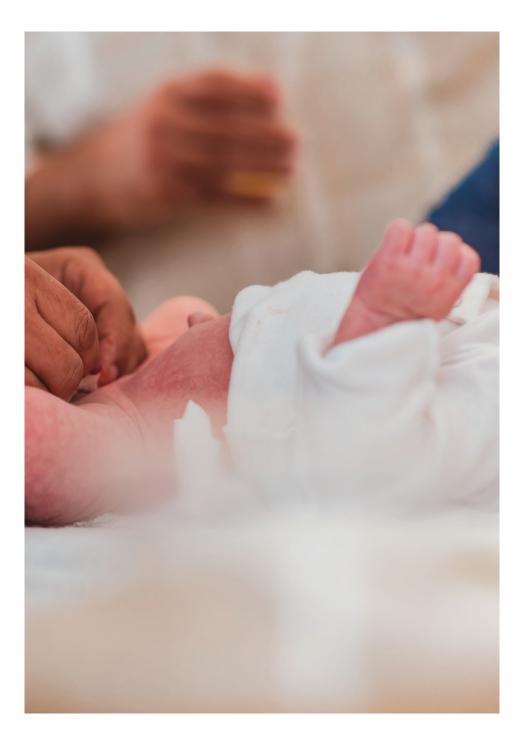


# DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PEDIATRICS POST CIRCUMCISION





**Digital Version** 



### DIET

Before your child can be discharged from the hospital, he must be able to drink liquids and keep them down without vomiting. Once he is doing this, he may have a light diet for the remainder of the evening, such as toast, soup, crackers, jelly, etc. He may have his usual diet the day after surgery. If your child vomits, go back to liquids and advance to solid food slowly.

#### PAIN

Local anesthesia will help to take care of the pain for up to six hours. You may be given a prescription for pain medication post procedure. You may also use mild analgesics such as diclofenac sodium suppository or drop/syrup paracetamol every 6-8 hours for 3-4 days. For appropriate dosage please ask your physician / pharmacist.

#### **INCISION CARE**

You do not need to worry about removal of any stitches. They will dissolve on their own within about two months after surgery. You may notice some redness along the incision at that time. Plastibell automatically falls out after 5-7 days. It is normal for the penis to appear swollen and black and blue after surgery. This will get better after the first few days. Then, a whitish coating or 'yellowish slime' may appear on the head of the penis. This is part of the normal healing process and will soon go away. It is common to have a small amount of blood-tinged drainage from the circumcision site. If your son is an infant, you may notice this on his diaper. Beginning on the third day after surgery, your son may soak 5-10 minutes twice a day in a tub of clear warm water, without soap or bubble bath. Do this for one week. This will prevent crusting

at the tip of the penis and help keep the incision clean. Place a quarter-sized amount of ointment, petroleum jelly or antibiotic (Fucidin), on the penis or in the diaper to keep the raw surface from sticking to the underpants or diaper. It is important to use this for 5 to 7 days. Older boys who are toilet trained may notice that the urinary stream is 'split' due to the swelling and the stitches. His stream will soon return to normal.

## ACTIVITY

To prevent damage to the area of surgery, your son should avoid any activity that requires straddling. This means that he should not ride a tricycle or bicycle, rocking horse, or 'scoot' toy for three weeks after surgery.

#### WHEN TO OBTAIN URGENT CARE

- Bleeding or oozing that won't stop
- Increased swelling and/or redness around the incisions
- Drainage from the incision that smells bad
- Temperature over 100.5° F
- Pain not controlled by analgesics.
- Your son is unable to urinate





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