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• ROUTINE CARE OF THE CIRCUMCISION.

A circumcision implies the removal of the penile foreskin utilizing a Gomco clamp under local anesthesia; once this procedure is finished a Betadine and/or Vaseline gauze is wrapped around the operative area.

This gauze is normally allowed to fall off within 12-24 hr, or in case that it remains attached it may be removed with warm water, and then proceed with local hygiene by cleansing with cotton balls soaked with warm water every diaper change. Do not use baby wipes or other substances that may be harmful to the penis. After cleansing the penis, proceed to tap dry and apply a healing ointment such as Aquaphor or A+D ointment, both are very good but I tend to recommend the former. This ointment should be applied every diaper change. Do not wrap any gauze over the circumcision.

It is normal to notice blood spots within 24-28 hr after the procedure, but call if you notice persistent bleeding, meanwhile try to control the bleeding with gauze by applying gentle pressure to the penis/foreskin for 3-5 minutes.

It is also normal that during the first week the circumcised are will appear red, swollen and a yellow tissue or crust will usually form on the penile glans (head) but it will eventually flake off by the 2nd week.

For pain relief, you may administer Tylenol infant drops 0.4 ml (1/2 dropper) every 4-6 hours as needed for pain x1-2 days.

Call my office immediately if you notice the presence of pus or foul-smelling secretions, active non-stop bleeding, lack of urination, fever (Temp of 100.4 F rectal or 99.4 F axillary) or for any other complications.