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All about Circumcision

Circumcision is surgery to remove the skin that covers the head of the penis. This skin is called the foreskin.

About the Procedure

Your child will be asleep during the surgery. The doctor may use pain medicine to numb the nerves in the surgery area. This is called a nerve block. It helps control pain for several hours after surgery. There will be sutures in place around the penis. These will dissolve and do not need to be removed.

Postop

The penis normally becomes swollen after surgery. The swelling is usually greatest between the line of the circumcision and the ridge of the head of the penis. The swelling gets worse for the first few days after surgery and then slowly resolves. Most of the swelling will be gone within 2 weeks but it may take longer for all of the swelling to go away.

The penis is often raw when the foreskin is pulled back for the circumcision. A yellow-whitish film may develop on the head of the penis in the first few days after surgery. This typically goes away within one week. This is not pus or a sign of infection. Your son will have a bandage around his penis, please follow the instructions given by the surgeon on when to remove this.

Once the dressing is off, apply antibiotic ointment or Vaseline to the head of the penis as instructed for the first week. This should be done with each diaper change if your son is still in diapers, otherwise apply the ointment 3 times per day. The stitches that were placed around the penis will fall out over a period of 2-4 weeks

Your child can take Tylenol or Motrin as instructed for pain for the first week.

Your child can not take a bath for one week after surgery. During this time give him a sponge bath and do not soak his penis underwater. The child can shower the day after surgery.

Please call the office at (215) 427-5292

If your child is having difficulty urinating

If the pain is getting worse

If bleeding occurs

With any questions or concerns