



## Introduction

Circumcision is removal of the foreskin from the top of the penis. This is a minor procedure which is performed as a Day Case. As with any surgery, there is a risk of infection, pain or bleeding.

This is a surgical procedure and it may take up to 2 weeks for your child's penis to fully heal.

## Following surgery:

### Swelling / Infection

The penis will appear swollen immediately after surgery. If excessive swelling/redness occurs, please seek medical attention as this may be a sign of bleeding or infection.

### Bleeding

If bleeding occurs, you should apply gentle pressure to the penis for approximately 15 minutes. If bleeding persists, please seek medical attention/advice.

### Stitches

The stitches may be visible but are dissolvable.



## Bathing

Antiseptic baths (adding antiseptic liquid to bath water) *twice a day* for one week is recommended starting the day following surgery. Continue antiseptic baths *once a day* for a further week to reduce the risk of infection. Use antiseptic solution as recommended by your surgeon.

For nappy changes, avoid any perfumed baby wipes or creams. Gauze and water should be sufficient. Vaseline may be applied to the nappy area or underpants to stop the nappy or clothes from sticking to the penis.



## Pain Relief

Local Anaesthetic and painkillers have been given during surgery but it is expected that your child will require further pain relief e.g. paracetamol at home, for a few days to ensure his comfort. The nurse looking after your child will explain the times your child may next be due pain relief.

## Urinating

Your son may pass urine prior to discharge. On discharge if he has any difficulty in passing urine, ensure firstly that he has adequate pain relief and oral fluids. If he still has not passed urine and you are concerned it is important that you contact the hospital for advice.

