

Care After Your Circumcision



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You have had a circumcision (skin around the tip of the penis was taken off). Here are some instructions to help you take care of yourself.

- After your circumcision you may have some pain or discomfort for several days. Take the pain medicine ordered for you by your health care provider.
- Your health care provider will have put a bandage on your penis. This bandage should stay on for 24 hours (1 day). Usually the bandage falls off after 24 hours. If it does not, you can take it off.
- **Do not** have sex (intercourse) until your health care provider checks you at your next clinic appointment.
- **Do not** get your wound wet for 2 days. You may take a sponge bath during this time. Clean your penis with soap and water. After 2 days you may take a shower. Do not take a tub bath. After you shower, gently pat your incision dry with a towel. **Do not** rub it.



Come to the Emergency Room if you:

- Have a fever of 101° F (38° C) or more.
- See redness or swelling around your wound.
- See yellow or green drainage coming from your wound.
- Have any bleeding that does not stop when you press on it.



Call the Nurse Line (214) 266-8777 if you have questions or concerns.