Circumcision

. . . after the procedure

What Can I Expect After My Procedure

You may experience some mild swelling and bruising after surgery. It is not unusual to see a small amount of crusted blood from the incision while healing. You may also experience some itching at the site; this is a normal part of healing.

Incision Care

- Apply ice to the incision for the first 24 hours.
- You may remove your dressing in 48 hours (if it has not already fallen off).
- Clean the incision daily with soap and water. Pat dry.
- Do not take a tub bath or soak in a pool until your incision is completely healed.
- Young children still wearing diapers—place a
 Vaseline gauze dressing in the front of the diaper
 to prevent the incision from sticking to the
 diaper.

Activity

- Restricted activity for 24 hours. Plan on going home and resting the day of your surgery.
- Avoid sexual intercourse until further instructions to allow your incision to heal and avoid infections.
 Your doctor will discuss this with you during your follow-up visit.

Diet

You may resume your regular diet as long as you are not experiencing any vomiting.

Medication

Often but not always, the doctor will prescribe medication for you after the procedure. If so, a prescription will be provided for you. Please take all medications as directed.

If General Anesthesia Was Used

Most often, circumcisions are done without general anesthesia; however, sometimes anesthesia may be used depending on what best meets the needs of you and your doctor. If you have had general anesthesia, you may not drive, operate heavy machinery, make important business decisions, or drink alcoholic beverages for the next 24 hours. You may feel somewhat dizzy or sleepy after the surgery due to the side effects of the anesthesia. Try to rest for the remainder of the day. Nausea and vomiting is occasionally seen and usually resolves by the evening of surgery—even without therapy.

Follow-up Appointment

Call your doctor's office to schedule unless otherwise instructed.

When To Call Your Doctor

- You have a temperature greater than 101 degrees
- You start having symptoms of an allergic reaction to the medication (rash, hives, difficulty breathing, etc.)
- You are unable to urinate and feel a lot of pressure
- You have signs of an infections that may include an increase in redness or swelling, increase in pain, or pussy drainage from the wound.



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