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Patient Education Guide

Circumcision- What you may expect after surgery

☐ **Circumcision**- the excision of the foreskin on the tip of the penis

Following surgery...

- You will have a dressing around the penis
- If bleeding occurs, apply pressure- if it does not stop, seek medical advice
- If dressing does not fall off, by 2nd day after your surgery, soak it off in a warm bathtub
- Cleanse area with warm water and dry gently
- Apply Vaseline on incision until wound heals
- Wear good supporting underwear and loose pants (not tight blue jeans)
- Watch for drainage. The first or second day there may be a light yellowish discharge. This is not a sign of infection and it is not to be forcibly removed. It protects the wound

Report any of the following to your surgeon (After hours go to Emergency Department)

- Increase in pain, swelling, redness
- Heat at site
- Foul smelling drainage from wound
- Fever over 38 degrees C