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Apply diaper snugly to prevent friction. Little special care of the circumcised penis is necessary.

Apply generous amount of Vaseline on the gauze dressing with each diaper change for 24 hours. If the dressing falls off, there is no need to put more gauze on the penis once the first dressing falls off. Keep the penis well lubricated with Vaseline for one week.

Observe your baby for the passage of urine after the circumcision. Contact your doctor or midwife if your baby has not had a wet diaper for 24 hours.

Remove the dressing after 24 hours. Do not directly pull at the gauze. Put your baby in a tub of warm water (with no soap) for 10 minutes to soak the gauze and it will lift off. Do not directly pull the gauze. Remove the dressing immediately if any stool should touch the dressing prior to 24 hours.

A yellowish, dry film on the healing skin is a sign of normal healing. If the area has any yellowish, greenish oozing this could be a sign of infection and you should call your doctor or midwife.

Avoid baby wipes on the penis until it is healed. Tub baths after 24 hours are okay. Keep the penis well lubricated with Vaseline for one week.

The circumcision site should be fully healed in one week. It will be pinkish in colour when it is healed.

Gently push back the edges of the penile skin from the glans after the first 24hrs, for the first two weeks of healing. This will prevent the skin from sticking to the glans as healing continues.

Call your physician or midwife for any signs of infection at the circumcision site or if bright red oozing is soaking through the gauze onto the diaper or with any other concerns you have about your baby.

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