Infected Circumcision, Child/Adult

The *inflammation* (redness and soreness) at the end of the penis is a known possible complication of circumcision. It is usually caused by a bacteria germ**.** Symptoms include redness, swelling, and pain. A culture may be needed to know the exact germ causing the infection and to know the best treatment.

TREATMENT

- Keep the penis and infected area clean. Be very gentle when cleaning.
- Bathe normally but do not use scented soap.
- Be sure you or your child do not have an allergy to the Bacitracin. If not allergic, apply Bacitracin cream or ointment to the red and swollen area four times a day.
- If antibiotics were prescribed, give them as directed.
- Wear loose fitting clothing to prevent rubbing against the infected area.
- Call your caregiver or return to the Emergency Department for exam in 2-3 days.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- You or your child have difficulty urinating or can not urinate.
- Pus drains from the site
- New bleeding occurs that does not stop within a few minutes.
- Fever develops.
- There is marked increase in pain, swelling, or redness.

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