Infected Circumcision, Newborn

The infection at the end of the penis is a known possible, but very rare 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 the baby normally but do not use scented soap.
- Apply Bacitracin® cream or ointment to the red and swollen area.
- If antibiotics were prescribed, give them as directed.
- Call your caregiver or return to the Emergency Department for exam in 2-3 days.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- **Your baby is 3 months old or younger with a rectal temperature of 100.4º F (38º C) or higher.**
- Your baby is older than 3 months with a rectal temperature of 102º F (38.9º C) or higher.
- Pus drains from the site.
- There is marked redness and swelling around the circumcision site or shaft of the penis.
- Persistent irritability.

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