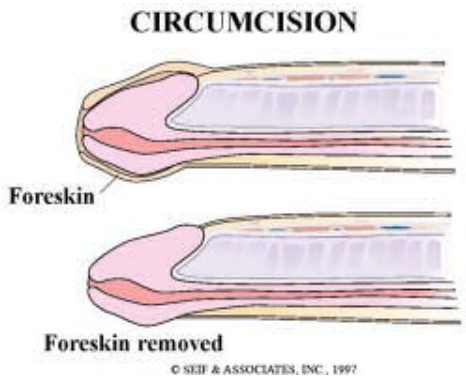
Circumcision Care, Newborn

There are two commonly used techniques to perform a circumcision the:

- **Gomco®.**
- **Plastibell®.**



- If the **Gomco®** method was used, it is not unusual to have some blood stains on the gauze, but there should not be any active bleeding. The gauze can be removed 24 hours after the procedure. When this is done, there may be a little bleeding, but this should stop with gentle pressure.
  - After the gauze has been removed, wash the penis gently with a soft cloth or cotton ball and dry it. You may apply Vaseline® to his penis several times a day when changing his diaper, until well healed.
- If a **Plastibell®** circumcision was done, gently wash and dry the penis. It is not necessary to apply Vaseline®. The plastic ring at the end of the penis will loosen around the edges and drop off within 5-8 days after the circumcision was done. The string (*ligature*) will dissolve or fall off by itself.

With either method of circumcision, your baby should urinate normally, despite any dressing or bell.

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- Your baby has a rectal temperature of 100.5º F (38.1° C) or higher lasting more than a day AND your baby is over age 3 months.
- You have any questions about how your baby's circumcision is doing.
- If the Plastibell® has not dropped off after 8 days.
- If the penis becomes very swollen and has drainage or bright red bleeding.

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.

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