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Advice to parents - What now?

We strongly recommend applying drops of olive oil to the dressing every two hours on the day of surgery, as it promotes good healing, then bathing the circumcised penis on the second day. Hence, the oil is not sticky and makes it easy to remove the dressing gauze. The oil is mainly an added precaution against infection. Still, being greasy, it also acts as a cushion between the head of the penis and the nappy /underlying cloth to minimize rubbing.

The oil should be applied all around the dressing gauze, around the head of his penis. The dressing is to be taken off the next day straight away. Occasionally, it may also hold on longer. However, it doesn't matter how long it takes, and you simply continue applying the oil for a day or two till the gauze comes off. Then bathe the circumcised penis in the warm salt bath on the second or third day, then take off the dressing in warm water if not already fallen off.

Occasionally the dressing falls off immediately post-surgery. That is quite okay. The dressing is just a protective layer. If the dressing fell off, bathe the circumcised penis in a warm salt bath for wound refreshment.

The patient/parent may prefer to use saline, savlon antiseptic bath.

The tip of the penis may likely be sore at first and look red, swollen, or bruised. There may also be mild oozing. It is possibly related to the local anaesthetics' injection and handling of the penis during the surgery. All these bruises should settle down quickly within a few days. However, please be mindful that the frenulum at the ventral side may take longer to heal completely.

Be mindful of putting some ice pack or gentle pressure on the penis if there is mild oozing for twenty min or so.

Having your child checked postoperatively within one week is paramount to address any concerns, ensure complete recovery and wound healing, and avoid unforeseen complications, i.e., buried penis or paraphimotic penis.

If You have any concerns, please feel free to [contact us](#); our experienced Staff and the **Circumcision Doctor**, Dr. Saddik, would be more than happy to assist you.

It is okay to wash the penis during the healing process. The Patient/Parent should apply petroleum jelly with each underlying cloth change. The patient/Parent can use oil or petroleum jelly to keep it from sticking to the nappy/underlying cloth. It is encouraged to keep the penis clean and often change the baby's nappy or underwear for older children/adults. Once the penis is healed, wash it as you would during routine bathing.

You can apply antiseptic ointment or petroleum jelly for a few days postoperatively while it's a bit raw to ensure it doesn't get infected. Then it is simply a matter of keeping it clean and dry.