

Neonatal circumcision information:

Congratulations on the birth of your new son!

Newborn circumcisions are done under local anaesthetic. Most babies tolerate the procedure well, but some may occasionally find it uncomfortable. The local anaesthetic works for approximately 30 minutes during which time the procedure will be completed.

Pain relief after the procedure is best accomplished by ensuring there are no other factors bothering your baby such as a dirty nappy and ensuring they are not hungry. The act of feeding them is generally sufficient to calm them down. If however they are still uncomfortable a dose of Calpol/Panado may be given 8 hourly (usually 1ml orally).

Please do not bath your child for the first 3 days after the procedure. Wet wipes may be used to clean any mishaps during this time.

Antibiotic ointment is applied to the tip of the penis at each nappy change and some Vaseline to the front of the nappy. You can continue this for the first 3 days after the procedure. During this recovery time you will note a yellow crusty covering over the tip of the penis from the accumulation of ointment. This will come off when you re-initiate bathing.

The penis will remain red and swollen for approximately 4 days after the procedure. This will slowly improve over the following days and is usually healed by 14 days after the operation.

Thank you.

Kind regards



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