CIRCUMCISION CARE

Your son has petroleum jelly (Vaseline®) gauze on his penis.

How soon should my son void after the procedure?
- Most babies void within 12 hours of the procedure.

What do I do the first time he voids?
- Notify the nurse. She will remove the gauze.
- If the gauze seems to be stuck to his penis, it can be loosened with warm water squeezed over the penis.

How do I care for it after the first void?
- Apply petroleum jelly liberally to the tip of the penis at each diaper change for five to seven days or until the site heals. (This keeps the penis from sticking to the diaper).
- Apply diapers loosely to minimize irritation of the penis.
- Wash penis with warm water at each diaper change for three to four days.
- Do not use baby wipes on the penis until it is completely healed.

How is it supposed to look?
- A yellow scab may form. This is normal. Do not remove it.
- For several days there may be a yellow mucus-like discharge at the tip of the penis. Keep petroleum jelly on the tip of the penis to prevent the mucus from drying and sticking to the diaper.

Notify the nurse (while you are still in the hospital) of:
- Bleeding with diaper change.
- The baby’s first void after the circumcision.

Notify the pediatrician after you go home if your son:
- Has a blood stained area greater than a quarter on his diaper.
- Is extremely irritable and fussy or refuses to eat.
- Has signs of infection at the circumcision site (swelling or redness of the penis, foul-smelling discharge from the penis).
- Has not voided by the next morning after the circumcision.
- Has a fever greater than 100.5 F.