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Your son's circumcision was performed using the "bell" technique. The following instructions should be followed to ensure proper care following the procedure.

1. **Plastic Ring** The plastic ring will fall off within 3-7 days. If it remains in place after the 7th day, please call the office so that we can evaluate your child and possibly remove the ring.

2. **Bathing** Sponge bathe your son until the plastic ring falls off.

3. **Cleaning:** you may clean him with diaper wipes or soap and water at diaper changes. You may apply an over the counter antibiotic ointment to the tip of the penis (Bacitracin, Neosporin, Triple antibiotic) especially if the penis tends to stick to the diaper. Please **DO NOT** apply Vaseline to the penis. Typically a bandage is not necessary.

4. **Irritability:** A. Your child may be irritable during the first 24 hours following the circumcision. Cuddling and feeding may console him, just as cuddling and feeding calmed him immediately after the circumcision was performed.

B. Tylenol may be given (as needed every 4 hours.) Avoid Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil)

5. **Bleeding and Swelling:** Blood spotting on the diaper is expected. Moderate swelling and redness of the head of the penis is expected. If you notice a continuous ooze of blood, redness around the shaft of the penis or fever greater than 101.5 degrees F, please call the office. You may also notice some bruising around the area that the numbing agent was injected.

6. **Postoperative Office Visit:** Please call Dr. Jackson's office to schedule a postoperative visit for 1 week following the date of surgery. The office number is (727) 771-8282. If you need to reach the doctor after hours or weekends call (727) 687-6882.

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