

Aftercare advice following circumcision

Discomfort

We will give you some painkillers to take home with you. You may need to take these regularly at first. Please follow the directions on the packet.

Wound

There is normally no dressing over the wound and the stitches used are dissolvable so will not need to be removed. You may find that you are more comfortable in loose-fitting boxer shorts. We suggest that you have a bath or shower every day for the next 3-5 days to wash the wound and help prevent infection.

You may also experience a burning sensation when you pass water, but this will go away very quickly.

Although the wound will look fairly neat to begin with, after a few days the penis often swells and looks red. This is quite normal. It is also normal for the tip of the penis to ooze some fluid and form a scab over it for the next 3-4 days. This will flake off naturally and in around 4-6 weeks the wound will be fully healed.

Activity

You can return to normal activities as soon as you feel comfortable. Sexual intercourse and masturbation should be avoided for around 4 weeks after surgery to prevent wound breakdown.

Bleeding

If the wound begins to bleed you should apply pressure with a clean pad for at least ten minutes. If the bleeding continues please contact us for advice or speak to your GP.

Further advice

If you need further advice please contact:

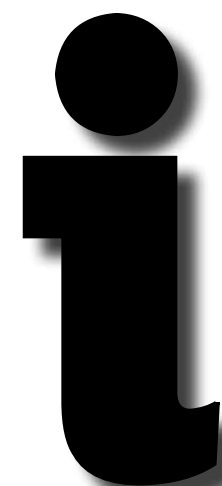
Day Surgery Unit on 01722 336262 ext. 4550 between 7.30am and 7pm

After 7pm contact Britford Ward on 01722 336262 ext. 4380

or call your GP

or NHS 111 (24 hours a day, calls are free from landlines and mobile phones) www.nhs.uk.

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