



**UROLOCARE HOSPITALS**

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## CIRCUMCISION

### Home education

1. Medication to take home, must be completed
2. For the initial 5 days following surgery, it is advised to shower or stand in the bath in order to prevent premature dissolving of suture material
3. The dressing should be left in place as per doctors orders
4. If it were to come off before the 7 day period is up, no repeat dressing is usually necessary
5. Once the initial dressing comes off, no further dressing/ointments or anti-septic solutions are applied. Ordinary soap and water together with normal hygiene care are all that is required to get an optimal result
6. If the dressing is difficult to remove, sit in a bath of water for a short period of time
7. Because the head of the penis has always been covered with skin, it may appear very irritated once the dressing is removed - this is normal and will improve over the coming weeks
8. Continue with normal activities, unless your doctor says otherwise
9. Absorbable sutures are used that take around 2 weeks to start falling out. No sutures need removal
10. Complications associated with circumcision include bleeding and (rarely) infection. Although a small amount of bleeding from the suture line is acceptable, more severe bleeding with swelling/dicolouration of the penis requires immediate consultation
11. Patients are advised to refrain from sexual intercourse or masturbation for 2 to 4 weeks following surgery.

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