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CIRCUMCISION POST-OPERATIVE CARE

Thank you for having a circumcision under my care.

Please take note of the following to assist in your recovery:

1. You will be provided with a prescription for analgesic and anti-inflammatory medication. Please use this medication if you have pain.
2. The circumcision wound may have been closed with sutures or with skin glue. If sutures were used, these are absorbable sutures and will fall out as the wound heals. You do not need to have them removed.
3. There will be a wrap-around bandage over a gauze dressing around the circumcision wound. Please gently take this off after 24 hours.
4. Once the bandage is removed, you can shower. Please keep the circumcision wound clean and dry.
5. You do not need to apply a new dressing. However, you may apply an antibiotic ointment like Bactroban ointment. You may also gently wrap the circumcision wound in gauze if you would like – this may prevent the wound from sticking to your underwear.
6. You can resume full activity as soon as you are ready. However, please delay resuming sexual activity until the skin has completely healed and the sutures have come out.
7. Please look out for the following complications:
 - a. Signs of bleeding around the circumcision wound. Of particular concern is bleeding with swelling under the skin the shaft of the penis.
 - b. Signs of infection, including pus at the wound site, swelling of the penis or induration, inflammation or redness of the penile skin.
 - c. Signs of worsening pain.
8. You do not need to see me for a routine post-procedure review if your recovery is uneventful. If there is a problem, I will ask you to arrange to come in and see me so I can assess whether there is anything to be concerned about. If the wound has not healed well for any reason, please make an appointment to see me 4-6 weeks after circumcision for review.
9. If there is anything you are worried about, please call my rooms or present to the emergency department at Netcare Waterfall City Hospital and tell them you are my patient.
10. Please contact my rooms if you require a certificate of fitness for work.

Good luck with your recovery. Thank you for choosing me for your urological care.