Umbilical Cord (Bleeding)

Why is my child's umbilical cord bleeding?
A few drops of blood at the point of separation of the cord is common. The area may bleed a few times from the diaper rubbing on the area or your baby's normal movements. The bleeding usually stops by itself or can be stopped easily by direct pressure with a sterile gauze.

When should I call my child's health care provider?
Call IMMEDIATELY if:
• Bleeding doesn't stop after 10 minutes of direct pressure.
• Any bleeding amounts to more than the size of a quarter.
Call during office hours if:
• Bleeding continues for more than 3 days.
• You have other questions or concerns.

*NOTE: This information is provided as a public educational service. The information does not replace any of the instructions your physician gives you. If you have a medical emergency please call 911 or call the Hospital at (208) 529-6111. If you have questions about your child's care, please call Idaho Falls Pediatrics at (208) 522-4600.