



## **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.