

## Umbilical Cord Care

Your newborn's umbilical cord will fall off by itself by 1-3 weeks of age. Until it does, keep the area clean and try to fold down the top of your baby's diaper to minimize friction to the cord. You may clean the area with a small amount of alcohol applied to a cotton swab if it is oozing. If there is persistent oozing, smelly discharge, the skin around the cord becomes red, or your infant develops a fever, please notify us.