Caring for Your Child  
After a Meatotomy

- You may see a few small drops of blood in your child’s underwear when you arrive home. This is normal after the procedure. If your child’s penis is actively bleeding, apply pressure to the area.
  - Usually five minutes of direct pressure will be enough to control bleeding.
  - If this does not work apply pressure for 10 more minutes.
    - If you cannot stop the bleeding, call the hospital at the number listed below.

- Apply Puralube ointment directly to the urethral meatus (opening of the penis) twice a day as directed. This will prevent the meatus from narrowing as it heals.
  - You may be asked to insert a urethral dilator into the meatus twice a day for 6 weeks with Puralube.
  - If you run out of Puralube ointment, you may use Vaseline petroleum jelly.

- While his penis is healing, your child may complain of burning with urination. To prevent this, he should drink plenty of water.
  - He should avoid drinking lemonade, iced tea, juice and soda. These can increase burning with urination.

- Your child may take a bath or shower as usual.

- Your child may be uncomfortable after the meatotomy. You may give acetaminophen (Tylenol) every four hours as needed. Follow the instructions on the label for correct dosage.

Call the hospital if you have any questions or if your son experiences any of the following:

- Fever greater than 101.5°F by mouth or 102.5°F rectally.
- Your child’s pain is not relieved by Tylenol.
- There is bleeding at the site that does not stop after applying 10 full minutes of pressure.
- You have any questions or concerns.

PHONE NUMBERS:
Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30: 215-590-2754