Parents can relax, knowing they can now care for their natural son easily using this basic information, and that he will be healthy, safe, and happy. Physicians now agree that you no longer have to retract his foreskin, which makes washing his penis easier than a circumcised one.

Bathing and Hygiene
Use warm, clear water to bathe him. Soaps and bubble baths can cause skin irritation. When he’s ready, he can be taught to keep himself clean. As his foreskin begins to naturally retract, he should be encouraged to gently pull his foreskin back, rinse himself, and return it to its forward position. Talk with him about germs and proper hygiene, and caution him about touching his bottom—his fingers might transfer germs to his penis.

Normal Growth
Before birth, the foreskin and penis grow as a single structure. After birth, the foreskin slowly begins to loosen over a period of years. As the inner layer dissolves, excess skin cells slough off and appear as small, white lumps. Few foreskins retract in the first year, most take many years, while some never retract—this is all normal.

Foreskin Retraction Danger
Forced foreskin retraction by an un-informed adult is the greatest penile risk boys face. It causes severe pain, bleeding, scarring, and may lead to infection and adhesions. The foreskin should be retracted by the boy himself, and only when he is ready to do so. Caution: Stay with your boy during all medical examinations. Some healthcare professionals might forcibly retract his foreskin. Before every examination say, “Please, do not retract his foreskin.”

Diaper Changing
Clean only what is seen. Change his diapers often. Make sure that the whole diaper area is clean before putting a new diaper on.