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# My newborn is bleeding from the umbilical cord. What should I do?

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**A little bleeding or dried blood is normal, but seek immediate medical attention if you can't stop the bleeding.**

A small amount of bleeding from the umbilical cord is often a normal part of cord separation. You may find dried blood on your baby's umbilical cord from time-to-time, which is completely normal. When this happens, simply clean the dried blood from the cord with water.

If **your baby's umbilical cord** looks bloody and you cannot stop the bleeding by applying pressure to the cord, then you must seek medical attention immediately. Although rare, this could be a sign of a bleeding disorder, and it is important that the bleeding is controlled before your baby loses too much blood.

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