

Care During Menstruation

Menstruation is a normal body process. During adolescence every girl experiences this. It can start anytime between 9 to 16 years and will stop after a woman is about 40-45 years old. This process takes place every 28-40 days. It is a part of the normal changes and growth of the body. Some important facts:

- It is important to use sanitary napkins during menstruation. This is a clean and safe method for absorbing wetness.
- Sanitary napkins are available with ASHA or local self help groups.
- Sanitary napkins should be kept in a clean, safe and dry place
- Once wet, the napkin should be changed immediately
- Used sanitary napkins should be wrapped in old paper and thrown into a dustbin or buried in a deep pit which is covered, or be burn in an incinerator.
- During menstruation, the outer genitals should be washed from time to time to remove any blood and the girls should wash their hands each time with soap when the napkin is changed.
- During menstruation the girls should take a daily bath.

