



Information about Infant Circumcision

We know you have been overwhelmed with information at this time in your pregnancy. However, in the event you have a baby boy, we would like you to take an additional few minutes to review the information below about infant circumcision. Infant circumcision is an optional procedure.

This information might prompt questions that can be answered by your physician at one of your prenatal visits. Read it carefully and ask about anything you do not understand.

Circumcision is an irreversible, elective operation that is controversial.

Although generally safe, the possibilities of complications that may occur with this procedure are:

- A. Bleeding – Less than 1% (if there is a history of easy bleeding in the family, please alert the staff).
- B. Infection – Less than 1%.
- C. Meatitis – Inflammation of the tip of the penis from friction on the diaper that can in some cases lead to narrowing of the opening (meatal stenosis) that could require future surgery to correct.
- D. Removal of too much or too little foreskin. In some cases, the circumcision may need to be revised.
- E. Adhesions (fibrous band from the head of the penis to the shaft).

Any medical procedure has the possibility of unforeseen complications occurring.

Most physicians performing the procedure inject local anesthesia to decrease pain. There are rare, significant complications with anesthesia, and bruising of the skin at the injection site may be very common.

You should contact your baby's doctor prior to your due date to find out how and when he/she will do your son's circumcision if you decide to have it done.