

Post-operative instructions

Following your son's circumcision, a Vaseline gauze will be carefully wrapped around the penis. This should be removed within 24 hours. The baby can now have a regular bath and the penis cleaned with water only.

Gauze generously covered with Vaseline should be gently applied to cover the penis at every diaper change for one week. At this time, the penis can be cleaned with soap.

Booking a circumcision

Circumcision should ideally be performed within 4 to 14 days after birth to minimize bleeding and complications. However, the procedure may be performed as early as 24 hours after birth and before the infant is one month old.

To schedule a circumcision:
Call: 905-472-7534

Circumcision procedures are not covered under OHIP. The cost of the circumcision procedure is \$425.

On the day of your appointment, arrive 30 minutes prior to your appointment to register and pay for the procedure in the Main Lobby of the hospital, then proceed to Clinic 4 in Building A on level 2 (just past the registration desk)

Painless Newborn Circumcision Clinic



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What is a circumcision?

Circumcision is the removal of the foreskin that covers the tip of the penis. After circumcision, the tip of the penis is always uncovered.

Circumcision is the oldest recorded surgical procedure in history. It dates back over 5,000 years.

Physicians are now able to perform this procedure in a painless manner.

Every effort will be made to ensure the comfort and safety of your newborn.

The decision to circumcise your baby is a personal choice

Consider your personal, cultural and/or religious values. If possible, make your decision before your baby is born.

If you decide to circumcise your baby, having the procedure done when he is still a newborn is best. Circumcising your baby after the newborn period has more risks, because general anesthesia is needed.

Potential benefits of circumcision

- Lower risk of cancer of the penis.
- Lower risk of bladder or kidney (urinary tract) infection.
- May help prevent sexually transmitted diseases, such as HIV.

Potential risks of circumcision

- Infection
- Bleeding
- Injury to penis

Serious complications are very rare.

Preparing for the procedure

Before you come to the hospital for the appointment, feed your baby at home and give him a 0.5 ml dose of baby acetaminophen (Infant Tylenol or Tempra).

Do not apply cream, powder, or Vaseline to the penis before the procedure.

Bring an extra diaper and change of clothes.

Circumcision procedure

The doctor places the baby on a special cushioned table and cleans the baby's penis and foreskin.

Your baby will receive sucrose (sugar water) to suck on during the procedure to minimize pain. A local anesthetic is also injected into the skin around the penile shaft using a fine needle to numb this area.

After the foreskin is removed, the penis is then covered by a dressing with Vaseline to protect it from rubbing against the diaper.