

Post operation concerns:

- If the wound starts to bleed and will not stop.
- If your child is reluctant to pass urine. Please ensure he has been drinking plenty of fluids and that he is free from pain.
- If your child has not passed urine after **12hours**.
- If your child still finds it painful to pass urine after a few days.
- If your child's penis remains swollen after **2 weeks**.

If you have any of the concerns listed above please contact your local children's ward for further advice.

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Circumcision

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Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formie, proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil, vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

如果您需要本传单的其他语言版本或无障碍格式，请联系工作人员为您安排。

إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتنسيق يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

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What is the procedure:

A circumcision is the removal of the foreskin from the tip of the penis. A circumcision is only necessary for medical reasons.

Reasons for the procedure:

- The foreskin can become scarred and narrowed, usually following an infection. This can make it difficult to pull the foreskin back over the head of the penis. This is called Phimosis.
- Phimosis can lead to difficulty in passing urine and lead to further infections.

Benefits of the procedure:

To reduce infection around the tip of the penis, and reduce the risk of urinary infections.

Nature of the procedure:

- During the operation the surgeon will carefully remove the foreskin and stitch up the wound.
- The surgeon usually injects local anaesthetic around the wound when your child is still asleep, allowing him to wake up more comfortable after the procedure.
- The stitches will usually dissolve within 4 weeks, so there is no need to visit the doctor/practice nurse to have them removed.
- We advise that you warn your child that his penis may look a bit different after the operation but he will still be able to pass urine.

Risks of the procedure:

Every operation carries a risk of complications, but this is very small. These risks will be discussed with you when you are asked to sign the consent form. This is the perfect opportunity to ask the surgeon any questions that you may have.

Consequences of not having the procedure:

Your child will be at risk of Phimosis and recurring urinary infections.

After surgery:

Once your child is fully awake and has had something to eat, drink and has passed urine he will be able to go home. We advise you to give your child plenty of fluids to drink.

- There will be a small dressing in place around the penis. This usually falls off or comes off in the bath.
- **Your son can wash or shower for the first 24 hours. After that we recommend soaking in the bath at least once a day.**
- **Avoid perfumed products that can cause irritation.**
- Wearing snug fitting underpants helps to support the penis and stops it rubbing and becoming more swollen.
- The penis may look swollen and red for some time. Small sores may also appear but will usually settle down after **five days**.
- If your child still wears nappies try to leave him without them for as long as possible, this is to prevent chafing.
- Your child should be well enough to go back to school or nursery **a week after the operation** or when he is walking comfortably.
- Your child **should avoid PE**, swimming, riding a bike or other sit on toys until any discomfort and swelling has gone. This should take **4-6 weeks**.

Discomforts of the procedure:

There may be pain and discomfort. Pain relief (Paracetamol) can be given as directed on the bottle and as explained by your nurse.

Vaseline can be applied to the end of the penis after passing urine, this will help your child feel more comfortable.