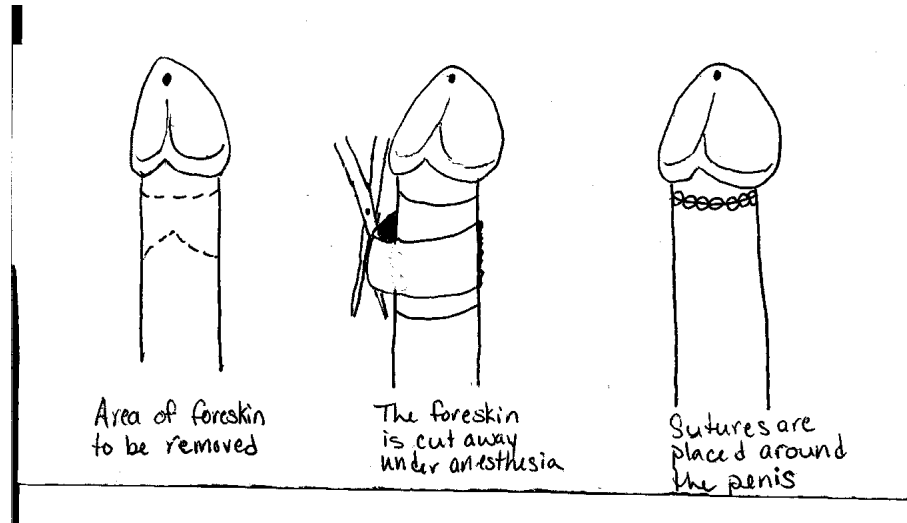


Circumcision

Circumcision is the surgical removal of the skin covering the head of the penis. Routine circumcision is often performed within the first 10 days after birth. Circumcisions can be delayed for a number of reasons, some of them include: prematurity, odd shaped foreskin, special medical concerns, bent penis, too small or large penis, parental choice, etc. Circumcision is an outpatient procedure at the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo.



You will be receiving a packet in the mail asking you to call and confirm your son's date and time for surgery. During that phone call, you will receive instructions on when to arrive at the hospital, when to have your child stop eating and when to have them stop drinking.

Please note: Do **NOT feed** your child solids **after midnight** the night BEFORE surgery. When you confirm your surgery, you will be told what time your child needs to stop drinking clear liquids (ie: pedialyte, apple juice, white grape juice, or water for older children)

The day of the procedure:

Please arrive promptly at admissions to check in. Please **make sure your child followed the food and drink restrictions** given to you during your confirmation phone call.

Your son will go to the operating room with Dr. Greenfield or Dr. Williot and have general anesthesia for the procedure. This operation takes approximately 1 hour. You will be given a pager to notify you when the surgery is done. While your child is in surgery, you can wait in the 2nd floor Surgical waiting room. After the circumcision, your son will be in the recovery room for about an hour. The doctor will speak with you after the surgery, prior to leaving the recovery room. Your son will then go to a day surgical (T9) hospital room until he fully wakes up and drinks well. You will be discharged later the same day.

What to expect:

The area will be red and swollen for the first 24 hours. Each day after, the site will look better, as it is healing. For several days, a slight amount of bleeding may be noted with each diaper change. If your child has excessive bleeding, apply pressure to the site with a clean cloth or gauze for 2-3 minutes. If the bleeding does not resolve after 2-3 minutes, please call our office immediately. (716) 878-7393

You will notice a ring of stitches on the penis, these will dissolve on their own within one month. There will be some swelling and bruising around the penis. This will fade away slowly over the next few weeks. As the circumcision site is healing, you will notice a yellowish discharge on the head of the penis or on the diaper with each diaper change- this is normal.

After Surgery

Circumcision care: **Neosporin to the suture line, 2 times per day for 14 days.**

Start Neosporin right away.

A layer of Vaseline on the inside of the diaper or underpants will prevent scabs from sticking.

Pain Medication: Tylenol or Motrin can be given for pain. You may receive a prescription for a stronger pain medication for the first 24 hours after surgery, if it is needed. The prescription medication commonly causes constipation. Constipation will make your child's discomfort worse. Please make sure your child is having a soft stool regularly. Prunes or prune juice can help if they are constipated

Bathing: Ok to take baths or showers the day after surgery.

Eating: Ok to return to their regular diet.

Activity: Quiet activities, may resume full activities in 1 week.

School: May return to school in 3-7 days, depending on how your son feels.

When to call: (716) 878-7393

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding your son's condition or medications.

Please call us immediately if your son has excessive bleeding.

Follow up appointments: Your son will need to be seen 2 weeks after his circumcision. Please call our office the next business day after surgery to schedule this appointment. (716) 878-7393

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