



Spire Children and Young
People's Service

Patient information

Paediatric circumcision

This leaflet provides some standard information and advice about your son's circumcision. However, you should always follow the instructions of your son's consultant.

If you have any unanswered questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask your son's consultant or nurse for more information. It is natural to feel anxious, but knowing what to expect can often help.

The information contained in this leaflet is not intended nor implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice nor is it intended to be for medical diagnosis or treatment.

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What is a circumcision?

This is an operation to remove the foreskin from the penis. The foreskin is the sleeve of skin around the head of the penis. The procedure is done under a general anaesthetic, which means your son will be asleep throughout and not feel any pain.

About the operation

You will be encouraged to stay with your son as far as the anaesthetic room. Once your son is asleep the nurse will escort you back to your room.

Once your son is asleep, the foreskin is pulled forward and trimmed away, the skin edges are then stitched together. These stitches are usually dissolvable and do not need to be removed.

After the operation

Your son will be taken from the operating theatre to the recovery room, where they can come round from the anaesthetic under close supervision. Once your son begins to wake, the nurse will escort you to collect them and return to their room on the ward.

Once on the ward, the nurse will make your son comfortable and continue to observe him. Your son will need to rest on the bed or on your lap until the effects of the anaesthetic have passed.

Looking after your son at home

After the operation, it is perfectly normal for the penis to look swollen and blood stained. The wound is best left to the open air for the first 2-4 days. Vaseline should be applied to the inside of undergarments to prevent them sticking to the wound.

Your son can bathe from the day after the operation, though no bubble bath should be used. You should give your son regular pain relief for the first 48 hours and then as often as it seems to be needed. This will be explained to you before you leave the hospital.

Contact the hospital if your child develops any of the following symptoms:

- Your son develops a fever
- Your son is in a lot of pain and pain relief does not seem to help
- If there is oozing from the wound, i.e. bleeding
- If the wound site looks red or inflamed and feels hotter than the surrounding skin

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the paediatric team on 0161 447 6914 or main reception on 0161 447 6677.

Spire Manchester Hospital does not have an accident and emergency department therefore if your concerns are of a serious nature please seek immediate medical attention from your local accident and emergency department.