

Circumcision Consent and Financial Responsibility Form

Mercer Island Pediatrics

Patient Information:

- **Patient's Name:** _____
 - **Date of Birth:** _____
 - **Parent/Guardian Name(s):** _____
 - **Contact Number:** _____
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Eligibility Criteria:

By signing this form, I confirm that my infant meets the following criteria for circumcision:

- Full-term infant (38 weeks gestation or older) or has been approved by Dr. Truong on a case-by-case basis if <38 weeks.
 - Less than 4 weeks old.
 - Received Vitamin K administration at birth.
 - No family history of bleeding disorders.
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Procedure and Cost Information:

The cost of the circumcision procedure is \$700, which includes:

1. Consultation.
 2. The procedure itself.
 3. A follow-up visit 2-3 weeks after the procedure.
- **Insurance Information:** I understand that it is my responsibility to contact my insurance provider to determine if the circumcision procedure is a covered service.
 - The **CPT code** for the procedure is **54150** (Circumcision, using clamp or other device).
 - The **ICD-10 code** is **Z41.2** (Encounter for routine and ritual circumcision).
 - If the procedure is **covered by my insurance**, Mercer Island Pediatrics will bill my insurance directly.
 - If the procedure is **not covered by my insurance**, I agree to pay the \$700 out-of-pocket cost in full prior to the procedure.

Consent to Procedure and Financial Responsibility:

I understand the benefits and risks of the circumcision procedure, and all my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree to proceed with the circumcision for my infant.

By signing this form, I also agree that:

- I am financially responsible for any charges related to the circumcision procedure that are not covered by my insurance.
- Payment in full is required prior to the procedure if my insurance does not cover the cost.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

- **Signature:** _____
- **Printed Name:** _____
- **Date:** _____

Informed Consent for Circumcision Procedure

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Patient Information:

- **Patient's Name:** _____
 - **Date of Birth:** _____
 - **Parent/Guardian Name(s):** _____
 - **Date of Procedure:** _____
 - **Physician Performing the Procedure:** _____
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Circumcision Procedure Overview:

Circumcision is a surgical procedure that removes the foreskin covering the head of the penis. This procedure is commonly performed on newborns for medical, religious, or cultural reasons. The procedure is typically done within the first few weeks of life, under local anesthesia, and usually takes about 10-15 minutes.

Benefits of Circumcision:

1. **Hygiene:** Easier cleaning of the penis.
 2. **Reduced Risk of Infections:** Lower incidence of urinary tract infections (UTIs) in infancy.
 3. **Decreased Risk of Certain Conditions:** Potential reduced risks of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV, and penile cancer. However, it's important to note that these infections are still relatively rare in males, even without circumcision.
 4. **Prevention of Medical Conditions:** Circumcision can help prevent conditions like phimosis (tight foreskin that can't be retracted) and balanitis (inflammation of the foreskin or head of the penis).
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Risks and Complications:

While circumcision is generally a safe procedure, complications can occur. These include:

1. **Bleeding:** Minor bleeding at the site of the surgery is common. Significant bleeding is rare.
2. **Infection:** Any surgical procedure carries a risk of infection.
3. **Pain:** The procedure will be done under local anesthesia to minimize discomfort. Mild discomfort may occur after the procedure, which can be managed with pain relief.
4. **Scarring:** There may be some minor scarring at the incision site.
5. **Injury to the Penis:** Although rare, injury to the penis, including excessive removal of skin or damage to the head of the penis, can occur.
6. **Inadequate Removal of Foreskin:** In some cases, not enough foreskin may be removed, requiring revision surgery.
7. **Adhesions:** Skin can stick to the head of the penis, requiring further treatment.

8. **Cosmetic Concerns:** There may be undesirable cosmetic outcomes, such as uneven removal of foreskin or other aesthetic issues. This could lead to dissatisfaction with the appearance, which may not be fully correctable.
 9. **Death (Extremely Rare):** In extremely rare cases, severe complications such as overwhelming infection or excessive blood loss could result in death. These occurrences are exceedingly uncommon in a newborn circumcision.
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Alternative Options:

Circumcision is an elective procedure, and there is the option of not performing the circumcision. Parents/guardians may choose to leave the foreskin intact, and care for an uncircumcised penis involves proper hygiene practices, which will be explained by your physician.

Aftercare Instructions:

Following the procedure, you will be given specific aftercare instructions to promote healing and minimize the risk of complications. This includes how to clean the area and signs of infection to look for.

Parent/Guardian Consent:

By signing this form, I/we acknowledge that:

1. I/we have read and understand the information provided about circumcision, including its benefits, risks (including cosmetic risks and the extremely rare risk of death), and alternatives.
 2. I/we have had the opportunity to ask questions and those questions have been answered to my/our satisfaction.
 3. I/we consent to have my/our child undergo the circumcision procedure performed by the physician at Mercer Island Pediatrics.
 4. I/we understand that no guarantees can be made regarding the outcome of the procedure.
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Signature of Parent/Guardian:

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

_____ Date: _____

Signature of Physician:

_____ Date: _____

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Circumcision Aftercare Instructions

1. Care of the Circumcision Site:

- **Cleaning:** Gently clean the area with warm water during diaper changes. Avoid using soap or baby wipes on the circumcision site until it has fully healed. You can gently pat the area dry with a clean cloth.
- **Vaseline Application:** Apply a generous amount of petroleum jelly (Vaseline) or Bacitracin (antibiotic ointment) to the head of the penis after each diaper change. This will help prevent the healing area from sticking to the diaper.
- **Diapering:** Change diapers frequently to keep the area clean and dry. Fasten the diaper loosely to reduce pressure on the healing site.
- **Appearance:** You may notice some redness, swelling, and a yellowish discharge or scab. This is a normal part of the healing process. It usually takes about 7 to 10 days for the circumcision to heal completely.

2. Pain Management:

- **Discomfort:** Some discomfort or fussiness is normal after the procedure. Your baby may seem more irritable for a day or two.
- **Pain Relief:** You can give your baby infant acetaminophen (Tylenol) as directed by your doctor to help relieve discomfort. Do not exceed the recommended dose.

3. What to Expect During Healing:

- **Normal Healing Signs:**
 - Redness and slight swelling for a few days
 - A yellowish crust or scab over the healing area
 - A slight amount of blood on the diaper (a few drops is normal)
- **Healing Time:** The circumcision typically heals within 7-10 days. During this time, continue with regular aftercare and ensure that the area stays clean.

4. Return Precautions:

Please contact **Mercer Island Pediatrics** immediately or seek medical attention if you notice any of the following:

- **Excessive Bleeding:** More than a few drops of blood or continuous bleeding that doesn't stop with gentle pressure.
- **Signs of Infection:** Increased redness, swelling, warmth, or pus-like discharge from the circumcision site.
- **Fever:** A fever of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher.
- **Difficulty Urinating:** If your baby hasn't had a wet diaper within 6-8 hours after the procedure or is straining to urinate.
- **Unusual Swelling or Discoloration:** If the penis becomes very swollen, dark-colored, or bruised.
- **Persistent Irritability or Pain:** If your baby remains inconsolable or seems to be in significant pain, despite using appropriate pain relief measures.