

## **Division of Urology**

# **What you need to know about infant circumcision**

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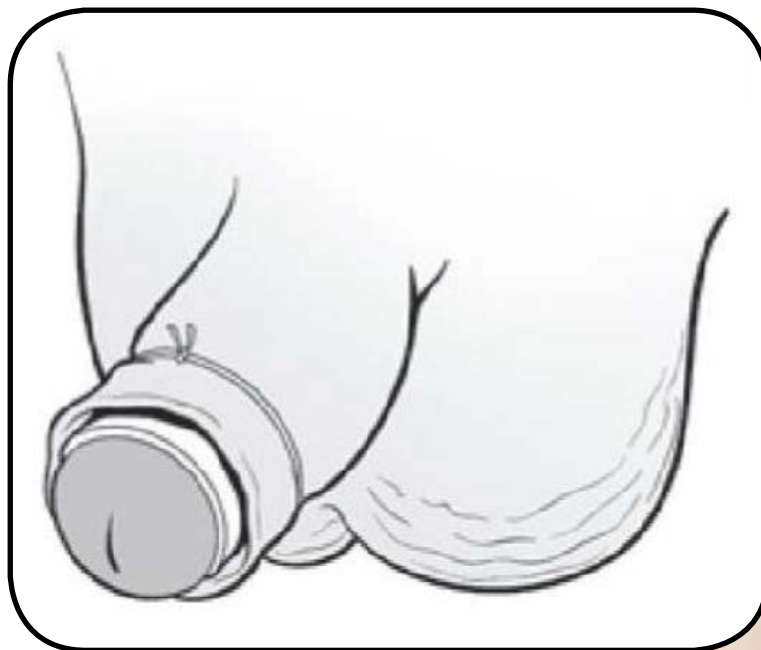
## **Introduction**

**Your son will undergo a circumcision using one of two methods: Gomico**

**1. clamp where excess skin is removed without the need to keep any bell on the penis after circumcision.**

**2. A plastic bell (Plastibell) on the penis which works by depriving the foreskin of its blood supply. The bell will fall off on its own after 5-10 days, leaving a fully healed circumcision. A dark brown or black area around the plastic ring is perfectly natural and will disappear after the bell has fallen off.**

**Your son's penis will look like this just after circumcision with the Plastibell**



## **Before the Circumcision**

**Bath your son as usual in the morning. Wash around his genitals. Immediately before the time of the operation, change the baby's diaper. Have another clean diaper ready for use afterwards. Your baby may feed normally up to one hour before the circumcision. It is advisable to give Paracetamol before the circumcision, and bring your baby's pacifier.**

## After the Circumcision

### Bathing

For the first 2 days, give your baby sponge baths. You may place him in the bath if his penis is covered with stool or he is unable to urinate. Then, give 1-2 tub baths a day until the ring falls off in case it is used.

### Diaper

Change the baby's diaper as soon as possible each time it becomes wet or soiled. Apply Fucidine ointment to the penis at every diaper change for 1 month.

### Pain

Give Paracetamol every 6-8 hours around the clock for the first 24-48 hours.

### Activities

Avoid putting pressure on the penis. Make sure the car seat belt that goes between your son's legs is not too tight.

### What to Look for

#### Bleeding

There may be a little pink or red staining of the diaper for few hours after the circumcision and again when the Plastibell falls off. In case of excessive bleeding please contact your doctor.

#### Infection

It is normal for the penis to look swollen and bruised for the first few weeks after circumcision. It may take several months for all the swelling to disappear. If the penis becomes progressively more swollen, red and tender or your child develops a fever (38.5 C) Please contact your doctor to rule out infection.

## **When to call your doctor**

**Call the Urology Department: 0138966666 Ext. #1051 and ask for the Urologist on call at King Fahd Hospital of the University if:**

- **Bleeding persists in large amounts**
- **The penis appears red, swollen, hot to the touch, or is oozing a yellowish discharge**
- **The baby develops a fever or appears to be in pain**
- **The baby does not have a wet diaper within 12 hours of the procedure**
- **The Plastibell has not fallen off within 10 days**