

Circumcision

Circumcision is offered at New Birth Company for families of baby boys who desire. Informed consent shall be given and written consent. New Birth Company agrees that circumcision is the choice of the parents. Parents will be advised of the risk-benefit profile of all circumcisions. Parents and guardians will be educated on the various types and methods of circumcisions available. Parents and guardians may be educated on care of the uncircumcised male including proper hygiene. Parents and guardians should be advised of the fact that men can choose to be circumcised later on in life if they wish it. However, it then becomes a major surgical procedure.

Key points:

- The American Academy of Pediatrics, believes circumcision decision is up to parents – and supports the use of anesthetics for infants who have the procedure. (6)
- A markedly lower risk of acquiring HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. (3,4,5)
- A significantly lower risk of acquiring a number of other sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including genital herpes (HSV), human papilloma virus (HPV), and syphilis. 3,4,5)
- A slightly lower risk of urinary tract infections (UTIs). A circumcised infant boy has about a 1 in 1,000 chance of developing a UTI in the first year of life; an uncircumcised infant boy has about a 1 in 100 chance of developing a UTI in the first year of life.(5)
- The effect of circumcision on men's sexual enjoyment and activity later in life is not known (2).
- There is no evidence that circumcision has to be performed on newborns in order to provide the beneficial effects which are seen later on in life (1).
- While routine circumcision is widely practiced, the small medical benefits of circumcision lead many to consider routine circumcision to be a cosmetic procedure

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