

MERCURY SURGERY CENTER, LLC

PEDIATRIC CIRCUMCISION

Circumcision is a commonly performed procedure in which excess foreskin is removed from the end of the penis so that the glans or head of the penis is always exposed. The benefits of this procedure include improved ability to cleanse the end of the penis, a lower chance of urinary tract infections in the first year of life and, for some, cosmetic appearance since nearly 80% of all American males are circumcised. The risks of procedure are very few and include bleeding, which would necessitate another operation (which is less than 1%), infection (nearly 0), and anesthetic complications (less than 1%).

PREOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS: You will have a chance to talk with the anesthesiologist and the surgeon to answer any questions or address any concerns. You will be able to stay with your child until your child is taken to surgery and will be able to be with him again as soon as he spends a short time in the recovery room. Typically, your child will be given an anesthetic and will be asleep before any painful procedure, including IV placement, is done. Please be certain that he has nothing to eat or drink after midnight.

POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS: We will allow your child to leave on the day of the surgery after he can drink fluids, is fully alert, and can urinate without difficulty. A pain medication may be prescribed to be used at home if needed. If any bleeding is noted or urination problems exist, please contact us at once. Please do not let your child sit in a bathtub until we say this is all right. Use sponge baths only until this time. After the bandage is removed, healing will nearly be 90% complete in 2 weeks and nearly 100% complete in 1 month.

ADDENDUM: A caudal anesthetic or penile block maybe done for your child after the procedure is completed. This involves the placement of a local anesthetic at the base of the penis or in the tail bone region to provide numbness in the penile area for 6-8 hours. It is safe, effective and generally provided a more comfortable postoperative course for your child. You may fully discuss this with your anesthesiologist.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Phoenix Urology 816-232-8877
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Parent

Nurse

Date