

CIRCUMCISION PREPARATION

Please bring the following to the circumcision appointment:

Vaseline
2 x 2 gauze
Clean Diapers
Pacifier

Please feed the infant about 1-2 hours before procedure, but not immediately before the procedure due to risk of spitting-up during the circumcision. This ensures your infant will be comfortable, but not too fussy.

CIRCUMCISION PROCEDURE

Circumcision is a “minor” surgical procedure that takes about 10 minutes to complete. Parents are not permitted in the room while the circumcision is being performed to ensure all care is focused on the patient and procedure. Your baby will have local anesthetic at the base of the penis to help with the pain of the procedure. All babies experience pain differently; some have a low pain tolerance and cry during the circumcision and others may fall asleep.

Your infant will be placed on a “papoose” board and the circumcision is done under sterile technique. In our office, we use the “Gomco” method. Although the procedure is performed the same way in every newborn, the results may look different cosmetically, depending on the baby’s anatomy and size. Your infant will need to stay for 20-30 minutes after the procedure to watch for bleeding.

CIRCUMCISION CARE

Vaseline needs to be placed on the circumcised area for 5-7 days after the procedure. There may be some yellowish material on the penis after the procedure in the days following; this is not infection, but healing tissue. However, if the area looks especially red or has a greenish discharge, call the office immediately.

Some foreskin may remain after circumcision. Occasionally, it may appear that not enough of the foreskin was removed. This is normal. The appearance improves with time; however, it is very important to keep vasoline on the circumcised area and retract residual foreskin if necessary. It is rare for a 2nd circumcision to be necessary.

Some infants who gain weight quickly will accumulate a “fat pad” above the penile area. This tissue may push down around the penis so that at times, it may appear that too much foreskin was left: the penis may even “disappear” into this fat pad. This is very common and improves with time. By late childhood, things should look normal again.

CIRCUMCISION BILLING

As our office does bill your insurance for charges as a courtesy, it is our policy at Pediatric Associates to follow these billing guidelines for in-office circumcisions:

A member of our team will call your insurance company to obtain your circumcision benefits for your newborn at the time of service. The benefits given to our office, per your insurance company, will be collected at checkout on the day of your appointment. Please note, this may contain a deductible amount, a coinsurance amount, or both.

If your insurance company is unable to verify coverage for your newborn or if your insurance company states circumcisions are not covered in office under your plan, we will collect \$325.00 at time of service.

Once your insurance is billed and an explanation of benefits (EOB) is received with payment, any amounts you may have overpaid will be credited back to you. If any amount is still owed as patient responsibility, we will send out a statement for any remaining balances.

Please note, customarily your family will receive and EOB about 2 weeks prior to our office. This allows the member the opportunity to see what patient responsibility was due at the time of service. This also allows the member to note whether or not they should be receiving a credit due to overpayment or if a balance is still owed.

Please feel free to give our billing office a call with any questions and/or concerns at (352) 369-8700, Option 3.