



Atlanta Women's Health Group, P.C.

Circumcision Information And Acknowledgement of Risks

Circumcision is an *elective* plastic surgery procedure. It is *only* done at the request of the parents and is *normally performed after delivery before discharge from the Hospital*. There exists a wide array of information available to parents that outlines and describes the pros and cons of the procedure. This includes the current medical data that explains the potential benefits of *circumcision*. After delivery, the *circumcision* is typically performed by an OB/GYN, who is trained to perform the *circumcision*. If you *elect* to have your son circumcised, you will be asked to sign an informed consent at the hospital.

As *with any surgical procedure*, there are potential risks which include but are not limited to bleeding, infection, and damage to the penis *which can cause urinary and sexual dysfunction*. As with any plastic surgery procedure, a satisfactory aesthetic outcome cannot be guaranteed as each individual heals and scars differently.

In a *circumcision* procedure, it is left up to the judgment of the surgeon as to how much tissue can safely be removed and still attempt to obtain a desired aesthetic outcome. There is a *well documented* percentage of *circumcisions* where the parents *felt* that the outcome was not what they expected and they elected to have their son undergo a surgical revision. This is not because there has been a complication. *There are sometimes subjective suboptimal outcomes*. These outcomes can sometimes be improved by a pediatric surgeon who would attempt to improve the appearance of the penis under general anesthesia in an operating room. You may also *choose not to have your child circumcised* while you are in the hospital, and have it done later. If you chose to have it done later, it would be done by a pediatric urologist.

*We encourage you to ask questions about the circumcision procedure
and research it on your own.*

Please ask your doctor or other member of our staff for guidance and more information.

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