# Circumcision

## Child / Young Person (under 18 years)

### Facility:

### A. Interpreter / cultural needs

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<th>An Interpreter Service is required?</th>
<th>Yes</th>
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<td>If Yes, is a qualified Interpreter present?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>A Cultural Support Person is required?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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### B. Condition and treatment

The doctor has explained that you/your child has the following condition: *(Doctor to document in patient’s own words)*

This condition requires the following procedure. *(Doctor to document - include site and/or side where relevant to the procedure)*

The following will be performed:

The skin that surrounds the end of the penis is surgically removed and the remaining skin is stitched around the end of the penis.

### C. Risks of a circumcision

There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

**General risks:**
- Infection can occur which may require treatment including antibiotics.
- Bleeding could occur and may require a return to the operating room. Bleeding is more common if you have been taking blood thinning drugs such as Warfarin or Aspirin.
- Small areas of the lung can collapse, increasing the risk of chest infection. This may need antibiotics and physiotherapy.
- Impaired circulation may occur to a limb or to an organ which may require further treatment.
- Death or brain damage as a result of this procedure are possible.

**Specific risks:**
- The penis may not look cosmetically pleasing.
- The tip of the penis may be injured. This may require further surgery.
- The end of the penis may be raw and bleed after the operation. This should heal in time.
- More skin may need to be removed.
- Scar tissue may cause blockage to urine flow from the end of the penis. This may need further surgery.

### D. Significant risks and procedure options

*(Doctor to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)*

### E. Risks of not having this procedure

*(Doctor to document in space provided. Continue in Medical Record if necessary.)*

### F. Anaesthetic

This procedure may require an anaesthetic. *(Doctor to document type of anaesthetic discussed)*

### G. Parent / patient / substitute decision maker consent

I acknowledge that the doctor has explained to me and/or my child:

- the medical condition and the proposed procedure, including additional treatment if the doctor finds something unexpected. I understand the risks, including the risks that are specific to me.
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- the anaesthetic required for this procedure. I understand
  the risks, including the risks that are specific to me/my
  child.
- other relevant procedure/treatment options and their
  associated risks.
- my/my child’s prognosis and the risks of not having the
  procedure.
- that no guarantee has been made that the procedure will
  improve the condition even though it has been carried
  out with due professional care.
- the procedure may include a blood transfusion.
- tissues and blood may be removed and could be used for
  diagnosis or management of my/my child’s condition,
  stored and disposed of sensitively by the hospital.
- if immediate life-threatening events happen during the
  procedure, health care will be provided in accordance
  with good clinical practice and in the best interests of
  the patient.
- a doctor other than the consultant/specialist may
  conduct/assist with the clinically appropriate
  procedure/treatment/investigation/examination. I
  understand this could be a doctor undergoing further
  training. I understand that all surgical trainees are
  supervised according to relevant professional guidelines.

My child and/or I were able to ask questions and raise
concerns with the doctor about the condition, the proposed
procedure and its risks, and my treatment options. Any
questions and concerns have been discussed and answered
on my satisfaction.

I understand that I have the right to change my/our mind at
any time, including after I have signed this form but, preferably
following a discussion with my doctor.

I understand that image/s or video footage may be recorded
as part of and during the procedure and that these image/s or
video/s will assist the doctor to provide appropriate treatment.

Student examination/procedure for educational purposes
For the purpose of undertaking professional training, a
student/s may observe the medical examination/s or
procedure/s and may also, subject to patient consent, perform
an examination/s or assist in performing the procedure/s on a
patient while the patient is under anaesthetic. This is for
education purposes only. A student/s who undertakes an
examination/s or assists in performing the procedure/s will be
under the supervision of the treating doctor, in accordance
with the relevant professional guidelines.

For the purposes of education I consent to a student/s
undergoing training to:
- observe examination/s or procedure/s  Yes  No
- assist and/or perform examination/s or procedure/s

Student - this may include medical, nursing, midwifery, allied
health or ambulance students.

I have been given the following Patient Information
Sheet/s:
- About Your Child’s Anaesthetic
- Circumcision – Child / Young Person

On the basis of the above statements,

I request that my child has the procedure
Name of parent / Substitute Decision Maker/s:  
Signature:  
Relationship to patient:  
Date: PH No:  
If applicable:  
- source of decision making authority (tick one):
  - Court order  
  - Legal guardian  
  - Other:  

AND / OR for the young person
Based on Gillick vs West Norfolk Area Health Authority [1986] 1AC 112 a minor (i.e a patient under 18 years of age) is capable
of giving informed consent when he or she achieves a sufficient
understanding and intelligence to enable him or her to fully
understand the nature, consequences and risks of the proposed
procedure/treatment and the consequences of non-treatment.

I request to have this procedure
Name of patient:  
Signature:  
Date:  

H. Doctor / delegate statement
I have explained to the patient all the above points under
the Patient Consent section (G) and I am of the opinion
that the patient/substitute decision-maker has understood
the information.

Name of Doctor/delegate:  
Designation:  
Signature:  
Date:  

I. Interpreter’s statement
I have given a sight translation in

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(state the patient’s language here) of the consent form
and assisted in the provision of any verbal and written
information given to the patient/parent or guardian/substitute decision-maker by the doctor.

Name of Interpreter:  
Signature:  
Date:  

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1. **What do I need to know about this procedure?**

   The skin that surrounds the end of the penis is surgically removed and the remaining skin is stitched around the end of the penis.

2. **My anaesthetic:**

   This procedure will require an anaesthetic. See About Your Child’s Anaesthetic information sheet for information about the anaesthetic and the risks involved. If you have any concerns, discuss these with your doctor.

   *If you have not been given an information sheet, please ask for one.*

3. **What are the risks of this specific procedure?**

   There are risks and complications with this procedure. They include but are not limited to the following.

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4. **Who will be performing the procedure?**

   A doctor other than the consultant/specialist may conduct/assist with the clinically appropriate procedure/treatment/investigation/examination.

   I understand this could be a doctor undergoing further training, and that all trainees are supervised according to relevant professional guidelines.

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If you have any concerns about which doctor/clinician will be performing the procedure, please discuss with the doctor/clinician.

For the purpose of undertaking professional training in this teaching hospital, a student/s may observe the medical examination/s or procedure/s.

Subject to your consent, a student/s may perform an examination/s or assist in performing the procedure/s while you are under anaesthetic. This is for education purposes only. A student/s who undertakes an examination/s or assists in performing the procedure/s will be under the supervision of the treating doctor, in accordance with relevant professional guidelines.

If you choose not to consent, it will not adversely affect your access, outcome or rights to medical treatment in any way. You are under no obligation to consent to an examination/s or a procedure/s being undertaken by a student/s for education purposes.

**Notes to talk to my doctor about:**

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