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PERMIT FOR CIRCUMCISION (with Informed Consent)

Informed Consent

Circumcision is a surgical procedure for removing the foreskin from the penis for traditional, cultural, and religious reasons.

A physician performs the circumcision. Circumcision is done by cleaning the penis, loosening the skin that adheres to the end of the penis, and finally, removing the skin from the end of the penis.

Pain of the operation is usually relieved by sugar water/non-nutritive sucking, local anesthetic injection, or tropical anesthesia, e.g., EMLA cream.

Medical considerations for circumcision:

- No infections of foreskin or tip of penis, since the foreskin is removed.
- No problems pulling back the foreskin for cleaning, since the foreskin is removed.
- Reduced chance of urinary tract infection; about 1% chance without circumcision.
- Reduced risk of penile cancer, about 1:1000, 000 without circumcision.
- Possibly some reduced risk of syphilis and HIV infections. However, we know that behavioral factors are much more important in the risk of catching these diseases than circumcision status.

Complications of circumcision (occur in less than 1% of cases):

- Bleeding
- Injury to the head of the penis (glans) or urethra (passage for urine)
- Too much skin taken off
- Too little skin taken off
- Meatal stenosis (urine opening becomes too small)
- Adhesions (part of the skin sticks back to the head of the penis)
- Infections

I HAVE READ, DISCUSSED, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS INFORMATION. I REQUEST AND CONSENT TO THE PERFORMANCE OF A CIRCUMCISION ON MY INFANT SON.

SIGNED _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ DATE _____
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