

**MS08 VT05 Male Infant Circumcision v1 540**

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If you're having a boy or if you don't know the sex of the baby you will want to consider whether or not you want to do a circumcision for the baby.

Circumcision is a very personal choice. We don't recommend that you do or not do a circumcision.

Circumcision is still considered to be an elective procedure. About half of boys in the United States are circumcised nowadays. It depends on a lot of social and cultural norms and values. There is some evidence of some medical benefit to circumcision primarily in reduction of rates of STD transmission or sexually transmitted disease transmission.

If you do choose to do a circumcision it can be done either in the hospital or it can be done after birth as an outpatient procedure. Babies do very well with circumcision. They receive anesthesia so they don't feel any pain during the circumcision.

The baby will come right back to your room if the procedure is done in the hospital while you're postpartum.

Or you'll take the baby home the same day of the circumcision if you do it as an outpatient procedure. We also teach you how to take care of the circumcision afterwards. The risk to the procedure, there can be risk of bleeding or infection or injury to the penis but all of those are very rare. It is a safe procedure and well tolerated by the baby.

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