

## UNC DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

### ***IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHOSEN CIRCUMCISION***

You have decided that you would like to have your son circumcised. We recommend that you read the North Carolina Women's Hospital patient information sheet, *Circumcision: A Choice* and that you talk to your provider about any questions you have about the procedure.

Not all insurance companies pay for circumcision because the procedure is not considered medically necessary. If you do not have insurance or you have insurance that does not pay for this procedure (this includes all forms of Medicaid) you will need to take several steps to have your baby circumcised before he goes home from the hospital.

**Here are the steps you MUST take if you want a circumcision done on your son while he is still in the hospital:**

- Check with the OB/GYN financial counselor or your clinic staff to find out if your insurance pays for circumcisions. Medicaid does not pay for circumcisions.
- If you do not have insurance or your insurance does not pay for circumcision, you must pay a **\$260.00** deposit for the circumcision before it will be done. By 34 weeks of pregnancy (or about 6 weeks before your due date), bring cash, a personal check, a **cashier's check or a money order** made out to "**UNC P&A**" and give it to an **OB/Gyn financial counselor** in the OB/Gyn Clinic.
- Do not give the deposit to anyone else if you come to the hospital Monday through Friday between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm
- If you can not come to the clinic in person, you can mail your deposit to OB/Gyn Clinic, Attention: Financial Counselor, 101 Manning Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 25714. Please do not send cash if mailing payment.
- When a financial counselor receives the deposit, they will give you a letter indicating that you have paid. They will also flag your record, indicating you have paid.
- You should plan to bring the letter with you when you go into labor.
- If you come to the hospital when the clinic is closed, you can give your deposit to one of the people in the patient registration rooms behind the information desk on the ground floor of the Women's Hospital. Be sure to get a receipt for payment and bring the receipt and any other papers given to you when you come to have your baby so that there is no confusion.
- Ultrasounds will NOT be done to tell you the sex of your baby. This is not an approved use of ultrasound and ultrasound is not always correct.
- No baby born after 34 weeks of pregnancy will receive a circumcision while in the hospital unless there is proof of insurance or the \$260 deposit payment.
- If you pay the \$260.00 deposit and then change your mind or have a baby girl, the money will be refunded to you within 90 days if there are no outstanding charges on your UNC hospital or provider bills.

***OB/Gyn Financial Counselor Phone Numbers: 919-966-7945 or 919-966-3625***

## **CHOOSING CIRCUMCISION AFTER DISCHARGE FROM THE HOSPITAL**

If you choose not to pay for a circumcision during your prenatal care, you may have other options.

The prices listed below are not guaranteed and the willingness of these offices to provide a circumcision is not guaranteed. Some of these offices may have special requirements, such as providing services only to babies who are enrolled in their well-child care programs. Please call the offices directly if you want more information.

<b>Location</b>	Department of Family Medicine at UNC	Triangle Urology Associates, Chapel Hill Office	Orange Family Medical Group
<b>Cost</b>	\$400	At a minimum, \$1700 ( Davis Ambulatory Surgery Center)	\$687
<b>Telephone Number</b>	966-0210	968-8174	732-9311
<b>Note</b>	The practice limits outpatient circumcisions to its own patients. The total charge must be paid before the procedure. The practice accepts Medicaid for routine well child care	<b>If no insurance, may require a prepay.</b> Procedure not done if baby less than 6 mos. & requires consult first.	<b>Requires a prepay;</b> accepts Medicaid for routine well child care.

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