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It's a
boy

One of the first decisions you need to make about your baby boy is if you want him to be circumcised.

Circumcision is a surgical procedure in which the skin covering the end of the penis is removed. Your OB-GYN or nurse midwife can help you understand the procedure and make an informed decision.

Circumcision is an elective procedure and is usually not covered by insurance or Medicaid. You are responsible for contacting your insurance company to determine whether or not the procedure will be covered. Please provide Anderson Business Services with documentation of your coverage prior to the procedure.

If your insurance does not cover circumcision, you will need to make the full payment of \$300 for the procedure prior to admission for delivery. You may pay online at *AndersonRegional.org*; pay in the Admissions Department; or visit Business Services at 1020 20th Avenue. Call 601.553.6181 for more information about payments.

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Here are some frequently asked questions regarding circumcision.

Is circumcision painful?

Circumcision is painful when performed without pain medication. To reduce pain and stress, the doctor will provide an anesthetic prior to the procedure. Side effects from the pain medicine are rare and usually not serious.

What should I expect for my son after circumcision?

Following the procedure, the tip of the penis may look raw or yellowish. Care will depend on the type of circumcision instrument used. The nurse caring for your baby will provide the appropriate care instructions.

Are there any problems that can occur after circumcision?

While problems after circumcision are rare, be sure to call your son's doctor if:

- Your son does not urinate within 6-8 hours after the procedure.
- There is persistent bleeding.
- Redness around the tip of the penis gets worse after 3-5 days.

What if I choose not to have my son circumcised?

Be sure to talk to your son's doctor regarding proper hygiene to keep your son's penis clean. When he is older, teach him how to keep his penis clean, just as he would learn to keep other parts of his body clean. It is several years before the foreskin can fully retract and it should never be forced. Gently washing the genital area while bathing is all that is needed to keep the penis clean. Later in life, when the foreskin fully retracts, teach your son how to wash underneath the foreskin every day.

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