

BCH Non-NHS Religious Circumcision Service: Referral information

Background: Children between 6 months and 16 years may be considered for the Bristol Children's Hospital circumcision service, which offers non-NHS day case circumcision under general anaesthetic.

Referrals: A GP referral letter may be posted or faxed to:

Mr Mark Woodward
Consultant Paediatric Urologist
Department of Paediatric Urology
Bristol Children's Hospital
Upper Maudlin Street
Bristol. BS2 8BJ
Fax: 0117-342-8845

This should be accompanied by the completed patient referral form below, which will be used to assess the child's suitability for both day case surgery and for circumcision.

Both parents must sign the patient referral form.

Costs: A private religious circumcision will cost £1000. Once a date for surgery has been allocated, parents will be contacted to arrange payment. The date for surgery will be finalised once payment has been received.

Pre-op: If the children are considered suitable for day-case surgery based on the completed patient referral form, then they will be assessed on the ward on the day of surgery.

Surgery: Surgery will take place either on a weekday evening at 6pm, or on a Saturday morning, depending on theatre availability. Parents will be contacted directly to confirm the date of surgery. Children should normally be discharged 2-3h after surgery.

Complications: Complications such as bleeding or infection are unusual. If necessary, children will be seen urgently by the Paediatric Surgical team in the Emergency Department of the Children's Hospital.

Follow-up: A routine follow-up appointment will not usually be necessary. Any parents who would like their child to be reviewed may contact Mr Woodward's secretary on 0117-342-8840 to request a follow-up appointment.

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Name:	
Date of birth:	
Address:	
Contact telephone: Home	
Contact telephone: Mobile	

Medical history: the following questions will determine the child's suitability for daycase surgery

Has the child had previous surgery?	Y / N	Details:	
Does the child have any medical conditions?	Y / N	Details:	
Does the child take any regular medication?	Y / N	Details:	
Does the child have any allergies?	Y / N	Details:	

Other relevant information:	
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Examination: the following questions will determine the child's suitability for circumcision

Does the child have hypospadias?	Y / N	Details:	
Does the child have normally descended testes?	Y / N	Details:	

Parental agreement: We both confirm that we are happy for our child to be admitted for a religious circumcision at Bristol Children's Hospital.

Signature:		
Print:		
Date:	FATHER	MOTHER

Office use only:

Date of surgery:	
Parents confirmed:	
Payment received:	

BCH Non-NHS Religious Circumcision Service: Parent information

When will my son's circumcision take place?

Once we have received the referral letter and completed referral form from your GP, then your son will go on our waiting list. Surgery will take place either on a weekday evening at 6pm, or on a Saturday morning, depending on theatre availability.

The wait for surgery should be less than 3 months. If you want to find out when your date for surgery might be, then you can phone the admissions team on 0117-342-1033, but please wait at least 4 weeks after the referral has been made by your GP before phoning.

How much will it cost?

The surgery will cost £1000. Once a date for surgery has been allocated, you will be contacted to arrange payment. The surgery unfortunately cannot take place until payment has been received.

Who will do the surgery?

The surgery will be performed by a consultant paediatric surgeon based at Bristol Children's Hospital, who you will meet on the day of surgery. If your GP identifies any problems with your son before the operation, then your surgeon may want to meet you in the outpatient department before the surgery.

How will the surgery be performed?

The surgery will take place under general anaesthetic on an operating list at Bristol Children's Hospital, staffed by a specialist children's anaesthetist and nursing staff. Your surgeon will perform a freehand circumcision completed with dissolving sutures.

Will my son be able to go home the same day?

You should be able to take your son home the same day.

Will my child have any pain after the operation?

During the operation the anaesthetist will put some local anaesthetic either around the base of the penis or in the lower spine to make sure your son is comfortable after the operation. We will not give you any medicines to take away with you, so you must make sure that you have a supply of both paracetamol and ibuprofen at home which you can give to your child if they need it in the first few days after surgery.

What should I do if my child has a complication after the operation?

Complications are unusual. If your child bleeds, then this will usually stop if you press on the bleeding area with a piece of tissue paper for 5 minutes. If it doesn't stop, then you should come to the Emergency Department of the Children's Hospital. Infections can occasionally occur, so if you are not happy with the appearances after a few days, then you should see your GP to see if antibiotics are required.

Will my son be seen for follow up?

A routine follow-up appointment is not usually necessary. If you are worried and would like to be seen, then you can phone 0117-342-8840 to request an appointment.