

My Planned Care Patient Information Platform

Surgery & Cancer Division – Urology

Circumcision

Introduction

Your Urologist has recommended a circumcision where your foreskin is surgically removed.

You will be provided with a written information leaflet that details your specific surgery when you attend Urology Outpatients (Ward 8).

If you do not receive written information please contact the Urology Outpatient Department, on 01270 612444.

Guidance for Patients

Circumcision is usually performed as a short-stay procedure under local or general anaesthetic

- The entire foreskin is removed to leave the head of the penis exposed
- As well as looking different, your penis will feel different after the Procedure temporarily
- Absorbable stitches are used which dissolve after two to three weeks

The procedure involves complete removal of the foreskin.

It is usually performed for one or more of the following reasons:

- a tight, non-retractile foreskin - known as phimosis;
- recurrent infections under the foreskin – known as balanitis;
- skin disease on the foreskin and glans (head of penis) - such as chronic inflammation;
- large warty lesions of the foreskin; or
- cancerous or pre-cancerous lesions of the foreskin.

What should I do if my health is deteriorating?

If you feel your symptoms are deteriorating, please contact your GP or NHS 111 for medical review in the first instance. Your GP will be able to advise if this is something they can support with during your wait or they will be able to contact your Urology team to discuss their findings in more detail and determine a management plan.

Contact Us

Admission Date - Please contact the Urology Scheduling Team 01270 613408