

## CIRCUMCISION

### GENERAL OBJECTIVES (PGY 1, 2, AND 5)

#### MEDICAL EXPERT

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*Basic Science  
Knowledge*

Understand the anatomy of the penis and its foreskin.  
Be aware of the; medical studies, socially-based arguments, and religious and cultural desires; for and against routine circumcision in newborns or older children.  
Understand medical indications for child and adult circumcision.  
Be able to recognize and classify degrees of hypospadias and how the presence of it might alter the decision to perform circumcision.  
Be able to describe predisposing pathophysiological factors involved.

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*Clinical  
Knowledge*

Be able to describe and recognize the pertinent symptoms and signs of phimosis  
Be able to take an appropriate history and perform a physical examination in order to confirm a diagnosis.  
Be able to describe order and interpret the appropriate diagnostic tests, if needed, in order to define any etiologic or complicating factors  
Be able to present a logical explanation for or against circumcision to the patient and/or his family.  
Able to describe the complications of child and adult circumcision and their management.

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*Recognition and  
Management of  
Emergencies*

Be able to describe what constitutes an emergency; that may require emergent dorsal slit or circumcision.  
Be able to order the appropriate management for patients in these situations in a timely and efficient manner.  
Be aware of one's limitations in management, and when to request assistance from one's mentor or other consultants.

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*Technical and  
Procedural Skills*

Be aware of the varied surgical procedures involved in performing circumcision of the newborn or infant and the adult; as well as for dorsal slit.  
Acquire the skills necessary to accomplish each of the above operative interventions.

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