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Guidance on male circumcision

According to § 17 of the Authorization Act, doctors in the performance of their business required diligence and conscientiousness. ¹⁾

The guidance clarifies the diligence that physicians have an obligation to act in the circumcision of boys.

Who may make circumcision

Male circumcision is the Ministry of Health considers surgical intervention, licensing Act and thus reserved for doctors.

Authorised health professionals with a reserved area of activity may delegate to others to complete tasks within the reserved activities (use technicians) ²⁾. Use of assistance for male circumcision means that the physician must be present during the procedure.

Information and consent

Circumcision of boys under 15 years may not be performed without the existence of an informed consent of the custodial parent. In the case of joint custody, both parents must be informed and give consent to the action execution. A young person aged 15 or over, you can even give informed consent to the procedure. To the extent that a child under the age of 15 are able to understand the situation, the child must be informed and involved in decision-making regarding surgery. The child's expressions shall, to the extent that they are current and relevant, irrelevant. ³⁾

It is the physician's responsibility to ensure that the required consent obtained. It is the doctor's responsibility to ensure that prior to surgery is given a complete and understandable information about the procedure. The information should include information on:

- how the surgery is performed,
- pain during surgery and pain relief
- care needs, including hygiene measures, and pain relief after the procedure and
- risks of complications and side effects.

Record Keeping

The doctor must keep a record of the procedure. It must appear from the record that the patient is informed and has consented to the procedure. ⁴⁾

Hygiene

Physicians should ensure that the common good professional standards regarding surgical hygiene should be observed, including the operation area washed sterile identified and the use of sterile instruments. It will be a lack of care from the physician, if the surgery is performed under conditions where there is an increased risk of infection.

Pain Relief

Physicians should ensure that all children, including infants, pain deck necessary and sufficient during surgery and in the postoperative period. There must be at choice of pain relief into account the child's age, maturity level and other medical conditions. The pain relief is chosen, it must also be as good as possible with as little risk of side effects and complications as possible.

Operating techniques

Male circumcision may be carried out in several ways. The doctor must keep abreast of professional developments in the field and ensure that he has the necessary conditions for both surgery and pain relief.

Repeal

These guidelines replace the Board of Health guidance on male circumcision ROAD 9267 of 23 May 2005.

Entry into force

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Later amendments to the regulation

Legislative regulation concerns

- ✚ Consolidation Act No. 877 of 04/08/2011

Changes in / repeal

- ✚ Street No 9267 of 23/05/2005

Additional documents:

- ✚ Reports by the Ombudsman using that instrument

Official notes

- ¹⁾ Consolidated Act No. 877 of 4 August 2011 on the authorization of health personnel and health practice (Authorization Act)
- ²⁾ Order No. 1219 of 11 December 2009 concerning a qualified healthcare professionals use of assistance (delegation of reserved healthcare company) and Guideline No. 115 of 11 December 2009 concerning a qualified healthcare professionals use of assistance (delegation of reserved healthcare company)
- ³⁾ Consolidated Act No. 913 of 13 July 2010 of the Health Act, Chapter 5
- ⁴⁾ Decree No. 3 of January 2, 2013 Authorized healthcare professionals health records (record keeping, storage, dissemination and transfer, etc.)