

Circumcision of boys – information to parents

Act on Circumcision of Boys on Non-Medical Grounds

The Circumcision of Boys Act (2001:499) states that boys may only be circumcised by a qualified medical practitioner or by a person who has been specially licensed by the National Swedish Board of Health and Welfare. If a circumcision is performed by any other person, that person may be punished for it.

Before performing the circumcision the doctor must give the parents information on what the operation involves. If the boy has two parents, both must be willing for the circumcision to be performed.

The doctor must also try to find out the boy's attitude and wishes if he is old and mature enough to be able to express them. A boy may not be circumcised if he shows that he does not want to be.

The boy must be given pain relief. The standard of hygiene must be the same as for other operations and the same rules apply.

Please talk to the nurse at the child health centre if you wish to know more.

Örebro County

Örebro County Council has decided that the health service will not perform circumcision of boys on cultural or religious grounds.

We refer cases in the first instance to Läkarhuset, Odenplan, Stockholm. Operations are done there on children younger than 3 months or weighing more than 15 kg (= approx. 2 years old)

Address

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Barnkirurgi
Läkarhuset Odenplan
Odengatan 69
113 22 Stockholm
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08-587 102 70

Cost

- Children younger than 3 months of age are circumcised under a local anaesthetic.
The cost is **SEK 3 500**.
- Children older than 2 years of age are circumcised under a general anaesthetic.
The cost is **SEK 6 500**.

The family pay for the circumcision themselves.