Title: Circumcision in Infants and Babies: Safety and Guidelines for Use

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Research questions:

1. What is the evidence regarding the safety of circumcision in infants and babies up to one year of age?

2. What are the guidelines for performing circumcision in infants and babies up to one year of age?

Methods:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 3, 2008), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI, EuroScan, international HTA agencies, and a focused Internet search. Results include articles published between 2003 and July 2008, and are limited to English language publications only. Filters were applied to limit the retrieval to health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, guidelines, and clinical studies. Internet links are provided, where available.

Results:

HTIS reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials, observational studies and evidence-based guidelines.

Eight observational studies and three guidelines on the safety of circumcision in infants and babies were identified by the literature search. No health technology assessments, systematic reviews, or randomized controlled trials were identified.
Health technology assessments
No literature identified

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified

Randomized controlled trials
No literature identified

Observational studies


Guidelines and recommendations


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Appendix – further information:

Review articles


Additional references