TITLE:
Circumcision

POLICY:

1. Circumcisions are performed after parents have been informed of the implications of the procedure and after the infant is a minimum of twelve (12) hours old, has been examined for cardiovascular stability and normal male genitalia by a physician, and is in stable condition.
2. Infants may not be circumcised if they are less than eight (8) hours old.
3. Infants may be circumcised at eight (8) to twelve (12) hours of age if they have had a physical exam by the attending pediatrician or family practice physician and approval for the procedure is documented.
4. Infants in Children's Services need attending physician approval for circumcision.

PROCEDURE:

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:
Physician

ACTION:
1. Informs parent(s) of circumcision implications and obtains informed consent.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE
RN or Unit Tech

ACTION:
1. Checks to see that a signed informed consent by one or both parents is in the medical record
2. Checks ID bands on infant to ascertain name matches consent.
3. Asks parent(s) for permission to use a Sucrose pacifier prior to circumcision for nonpharmacologic pain relief
4. Prepares for procedure by gathering the following equipment:
   a. Circumcision board with straps
   b. Circumcision instrument pack
   c. Appropriate local anesthesia equipment
   d. Plastibell or Gomco clamp in correct size
   e. Scalpel (if using Gomco)
   f. Vaseline gauze (if using Gomco)
   g. Sterile safety pin (physician preference)
   h. Sterile gloves of appropriate size
   i. Nipple
   j. Sweet-Ease™ if parents consent to use of Sucrose pacifier during procedure
   k. 2x2 gauze
5. Places infant on circumcision board. Leaves T-shirt on and places diaper under infant’s buttocks. Swaddles infant in blanket with arms across chest.
6. Secures infant’s legs to circumcision board.
7. Dons gloves and washes infant’s genital area with Betadine.
8. Places a 2x2 gauze pad inside a regular nipple and saturates it with 2-3 cc Sweet-Ease™ sucrose solution.
9. Allows infant to suck on the saturated pacifier for 2-3 minutes prior to actual procedure.
10. Discards pacifier immediately after procedure is completed.
11. Discards container of Sweet-Ease™ after procedure is completed. (Each container is single-use only.)
12. Documents administration of Sweet-Ease™ in infant’s chart.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:
Physician/Midwife/Staff Member Assisting with procedure

ACTION:
1. Checks ID band and signed informed consent prior to initiation of procedure.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:
RN or Unit Tech

ACTION:
1. Has infant bulb syringe accessible.
2. Opens circumcision instrument pack. Adds Plastibell or Gomco clamp and safety pin and Vaseline gauze if indicated.
3. After procedure, cleans around genital area and diapers infant. Uses a tight diaper for infants who have had a circumcision by Gomco clamp.
4. Places dirty instruments into central sterilization tray.
5. Places straps in plastic bag to be washed.
6. Cleans circumcision board and counter area with antiseptic cleaning solution.
7. Returns infant to room and checks ID band with mother’s ID band.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE:
RN

ACTION:
1. Removes diaper within 20 to 60 minutes after the procedure to observe for excessive bleeding.
2. Notifies physician or midwife if there is excessive bleeding, applies pressure to circumcision site, and applies avitene, with physician or midwife order, to circumcision.
3. Documents voiding after circumcision. Notifies physician or midwife if infant has not voided within twelve (12) hours, or parent does if infant discharged soon after procedure.
4. Completes and documents parent teaching regarding care of circumcision and signs and symptoms of concern. Refers to Maternity Care Guide.

NOTE:
- Infants greater than six (6) weeks of age will not be circumcised in the SCN.
- Premature infants with corrected age greater than six (6) weeks of age will also not be circumcised in the SCN.
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