



# National Poll on Children's Health

## Circumcision – Survey Questions

QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED BY PARENTS AND ADULTS EXPECTING OR PLANNING TO HAVE A CHILD WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

*In the US, some male babies are circumcised, and some are not. In making a decision about whether to circumcise their baby, parents may get information about circumcision from many different sources.*

*Imagine that you are about to become the parent of a baby boy, and you need to make a decision about circumcision.*

Q1. Which of the following would be the best health care provider to assist you in making a decision about circumcision?

- Obstetrician..... 1
- Midwife..... 2
- Pediatrician ..... 3
- Family doctor ..... 4
- Nurse at birthing hospital..... 5
- Teacher of childbirth class..... 6

Q2. When would be the *best* time for you to get more information about circumcision?

- Before child is born ..... 1
- At the hospital, once the child is born ..... 2
- At the baby's first check-up ..... 3

Q3. What should health care provider do to help you in your decision about circumcision?

Definitely should do	Possibly should do	Should NOT do
1	2	3

1. Provide scientific information about circumcision
2. Answer your questions
3. Describe experience with other patients
4. Provide information about cost or insurance coverage
5. Suggest other information sources
6. Recommend what decision you should make
7. Accept your decision without argument

Q4. How trustworthy are the following sources of information about circumcision?

Very trustworthy	Somewhat trustworthy	Not trustworthy
1	2	3

1. Health care provider
2. U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC.gov)
3. American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
4. Internet search
5. Parenting books
6. Family members

Q5. How much do you agree with the following statements?

Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	2	3	4

1. In searching the internet, I would be able to tell the difference between true and false information about circumcision.
2. Most circumcision information on the internet is biased.

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