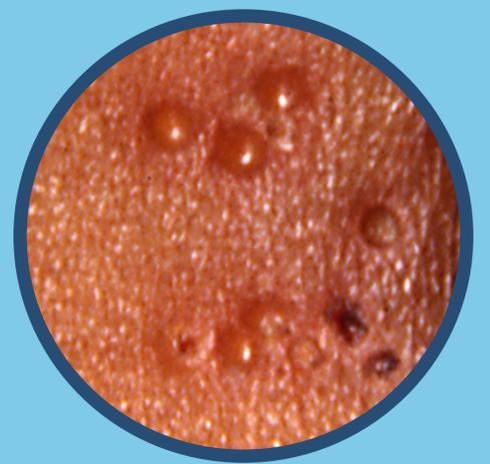




Make a Safe Bris for Your Baby

When a baby is circumcised, some ritual Jewish circumcisers (mohelim) do a practice called metzitzah b'peh. After metzitzah b'peh, some babies can get sick with herpes, which can even lead to death.

- Talk with your baby's doctor about metzitzah b'peh.
- Before you hire the mohel for the bris, ask if he does metzitzah b'peh. If you do not want metzitzah b'peh, tell the mohel you do not want it.
- If a mohel did perform metzitzah b'peh during your baby's circumcision, watch his skin for little bumps or blisters, especially on or around your baby's genitals and buttocks.



Example of skin blisters due to herpes simplex virus type 1 infection.

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For more information, talk to your baby's doctor or visit nyc.gov/safebris.