Have a Safe Bris for Your Baby

Metzitzah b’peh can make some babies sick with herpes, which can lead to death. **If you do decide to include metzitzah b’peh during your son’s bris, take the following steps:**

- Talk with your baby’s doctor about metzitzah b’peh.
- Before you hire a mohel for the bris, ask if he has:
  - Tested positive for herpes
  - Received an order from the Commissioner of Health to not perform metzitzah b’peh
- If the mohel answers “yes” to either of these questions, or if he has not been tested for herpes, look for another mohel.
- 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.

For more information, talk to your baby’s doctor or visit [nyc.gov/safebris](http://nyc.gov/safebris).