



Dear Nursery Director,

Thank you so much for the care you provide God's precious children in your nurseries.

We are an organization comprised of Christian individuals, parents, and medical professionals who greatly appreciate the countless church volunteers who love, pray for, play with, and teach our kids week after week at church.

The purpose of this letter is to share helpful medical information.

We hope you will join us in using it to protect the boys in our nurseries from potential harm.

A growing number of American parents are choosing to keep their baby boys intact (not circumcised). Because modern circumcision has been common in the United States for a number of decades, misinformation about foreskin care is still prevalent.

At birth, the foreskin is fused to the glans (head of the penis) by connective tissue, like a fingernail is fused to a finger. The tip of the foreskin acts like a sphincter which opens for urination. This design works to keep contaminants away from the urethra and to prevent infection. On their website healthychildren.org, the **American Academy of Pediatrics cautions against the harmful practice of retraction**, explaining that "forcing the foreskin to retract before it is ready can cause severe pain, bleeding, and tears in the skin." This may even result in scarring and other long-term injuries.

If your nursery workers change diapers, it is possible that they are following outdated care guidelines, which can result in inadvertent harm. We respectfully ask that you communicate current care guidelines to all nursery workers who change diapers:

Proper care and cleaning of the intact penis is very simple: Just wipe from base to tip, as if cleaning a finger. Only clean what is seen and do not retract or manipulate the foreskin.

Please visit littleimages.org/nursery to find a free printable chart of proper intact care information that can be hung by all changing tables. We also have a free pamphlet that further addresses forced retraction, as well as cards, stickers, and laminated signs available on our website.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of this issue. We'd love to help you with any questions or concerns that you have. Please email us at contact@littleimages.org.

Sincerely,

The Volunteer Staff of Little Images



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