

## **PENILE PPLICATION**

### **What is “penile plication”?**

- This procedure corrects angulation in the erect penis

### **Why do I need this?**

- Curvature of the penis can be congenital or acquired
- It creates a bend in the erect penis that makes intercourse and penetration difficult because of pain or buckling or physical limitations

### **How long does it take?**

- 60 - 90 minutes under a general anaesthetic

### **What are the risks?**

- Foreskin complications can occur so circumcision is often advised
- Wound infections may occur
- The skin incision often looks red with crusting and the dissolving sutures may take 10-20 days to fall out
- Penile shortening of about 1cm may occur
- About 10% of cases can recur
- Loss of sensitivity is possible depending on the type of curvature and repair
- Thrombosis is uncommon

### **What can I expect after surgery?**

- An overnight stay in hospital is normal
- A catheter is inserted overnight because of a compressive dressing to minimise bleeding
- Bruising and tenderness in the penis requires 6 weeks abstinence from intercourse
- Some discomfort with erections may occur in the first 4 weeks
- One week off work is usually adequate

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