

Meeting demand for male circumcision: An assessment of what is needed

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Patient

- Majority from rural setting
- Poor hygiene
- Lack of water
- Poor socio-economic status
- Low or no formal education
- Poor transport and communication
- High prevalence of use of traditional healers

Patient Expectation

- Good pain control.
- Few or post operative visits.
- Simple clear post operative instructions.
- Early return to routine activities.

Health System

■ Human resource

- Few MOs and COs (Poor Doctor/patient ratio-1:22,000)
- Need training and re-training
- Need facilities for training

Health System

■ Infrastructure

- Few Surgical facilities to meet the required standard
- Surgical facilities to meet client demand
- Problems with Ability to handle complications and follow up
- Maintenance of regular supply of sundries (drugs, gauze, linen etc), water, power.
- Competing demands for surgical facilities

Administrator expectations

- Rapid up take.
- M.C. should not affect the routine provision of health Care.
- M.C. should not be expensive.
- M.C. should be effective in HIV prevention.

Procedure/Clinician expectation

- Easily Done.
- Safe.
- Replicable.

Efforts to meet the above expectations.

- Strengthening existing facilities to provide the MC services through group training and retraining Using existing conventional MC methods .
- Task shifting.
- Circumcision weekends.
- Mobile clinics.

New Innovations to scale up

- Patient expectations.
- Administrator expectations.
- Clinician expectations.

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