# **BRIT MILA: DELAYS**

## **BRIT MILA: DELAYS: HEALTH**

#### **Brit Mila: Delays: Health: Doctor and Mohel**

The <u>brit mila</u> may be done only if the baby is healthy by the opinions of both a doctor and a <u>mohel</u>. If either says not to do the <u>brit mila</u>, don't.

NOTE Even if the doctor says the baby is healthy, ask the <u>mohel</u> for his opinion since the <u>mohel</u> can still veto.

#### BRIT MILA: DELAYS: SHABBAT/JEWISH FESTIVALS

Brit Mila: Delays: Shabbat/Jewish Festivals: Special Births

SITUATION A baby boy is born by caesarean section. The eighth day after the birth is <u>Shabbat</u> or a <u>Jewish</u> festival.

WHAT TO DO The <u>brit mila</u> must be delayed to at least the next day following that <u>Shabbat</u> or <u>Jewish</u> <u>festival</u>. (If the <u>mohel</u> or doctor says the baby is not healthy enough for a <u>brit</u>, the <u>brit</u> must be delayed even more.)

### **BRIT MILA: DELAYS: CAESAREAN BIRTH**

#### **Brit Mila: Delays: Caesarean Birth**

Do not delay a <u>Shabbat brit mila</u> until Sunday in order to prevent Jews who do not keep <u>Shabbat</u> from driving or otherwise desecrating <u>Shabbat</u> to attend the <u>brit</u>.

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