

Free the foreskin by first grasping the preputial ring with curved hemostats at 10 & 2 o'clock. Insert a straight hemostat to the level of the corona (by directing the tip of the hemostat upward, blanching the foreskin, one confirms that the hemostat is not in the meatus). Sweep the hemostat from 4 o'clock to 8 o'clock while spreading the blades to free the foreskin from the glans. Take care to avoid the ventral frenulum which bleeds easily.

The **dorsal slit** is placed to provide an opening in the foreskin large enough for the application of bell of the Gomco clamp over the glans. While continuing to apply tension with the two hemostats, clamp the foreskin at the 12 o'clock position to the level of the skin mark. Remove the hemostat and divide all but one to two millimeters of the crushed foreskin. Retract the foreskin using the hemostats and free any adhesions to the glans. Visualize the entire coronal sulcus and the meatus. *If an anomaly is identified, stop the procedure and consult urology immediately.*

Insert the bell of the Gomco clamp from the dorsal side over the glans while maintaining traction on the foreskin with the hemostats. When in place over the glans, the foreskin can be secured with a safety pin. The curved hemostats are removed.

The **base plate** is lowered over the bell. The bottom edge of the bell should completely cover the corona. Pull the foreskin through the opening in the base plate until the coronal sulcus lies at the level of the top of the base plate. The top plate is applied with the arms of the bell seated in the yoke and the ridge of the top plate resting in the notch on the base plate. Double check the foreskin to assure correct positioning of the clamp. Tighten the nut as tightly as possible.

Wait 5 minutes. This has been shown to have a calming effect on the infant and may improve hemostasis and tissue agglutination. Excise the foreskin with the scalpel held parallel to the surface of the base plate. *Never use cautery.* Remove the top and base plates. Using gauze, carefully tease the ribbon of tissue off the bell and retract below the level of the corona. Check for bleeding. Control oozing with direct pressure or application of silver nitrate.