

MALE CIRCUMCISION: A Procedure in Need of a Justification

Year	Initial Medical Journal Claim	End Finding
1860	Circumcision may help stop boys from masturbating	Circumcised boys masturbate more
1887	Circumcision may help prevent hip problems	No connection found
1897	Circumcision may help prevent tuberculosis	No connection found
1915	Circumcision may help prevent rape	No connection found
1920	Circumcision may help prevent hernias	No connection found
1932	Circumcision may help prevent penile cancer	Complication rate of circumcision higher than cancer rate; Preventive circumcision contraindicated
1985	Circumcision may help prevent urinary tract infections	Complication rate of circumcision higher than UTI rate; Preventive circumcision contraindicated
2005	Circumcision increases the risk of contracting Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus	Claims verified; Circumcision contraindicated
2005	Circumcision may help prevent HIV/AIDS	?

Sources: <http://noharm.org/docswords.htm> • <http://www.cirp.org/library/disease/cancer/> • <http://www.cirp.org/library/disease/UTI/chessare/> • <http://www.ias-2005.org/planner/Abstracts.aspx?AID=2675> • <http://www.doctorsopposingcircumcision.org/DOC/mrsa.html> • <http://www.ias-2005.org/planner/Presentations/ppt/3138.ppt>

Based on a new African study presented at the 2005 International AIDS Society Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, some doctors are now calling for all boys around the world to be forcefully circumcised - a procedure that will damage their sexual function for life.

Another African study presented at the same conference found that **FEMALE CIRCUMCISION** may also help prevent the transmission of HIV and AIDS. Will baby girls be the next targets of forced circumcision?

Shouldn't girls *and* boys be protected from medically unnecessary genital cutting? Genital integrity is *every* person's birthright.

Read what the experts are saying



Here is what the EXPERTS have to say about the new circumcision HIV/AIDS African study...

"Circumcision is not going to prevent HIV infection in the long run. If circumcised men think they're protected against HIV, they're fooling themselves. If they don't practise safe sex, they'll still be at risk, it's just a lower risk."

*- Peter Cleaton-Jones, Chairman,
Human Research Ethics
Committee at the University of
Witwatersrand in Johannesburg*

Source: [http://society.guardian.co.uk/
health/news/0,8363,1600101,00.html](http://society.guardian.co.uk/health/news/0,8363,1600101,00.html)

"There is a danger that people who have been circumcised will feel that they are fully protected from HIV when they are not. We need more research and clear guidance, as circumcision can never be a substitute for condom use."

- Deborah Jack, National AIDS Trust

Source: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/
health/4371384.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/4371384.stm)



"If male circumcision is confirmed to be an effective intervention to reduce the risk of acquiring HIV, this will not mean that men will be prevented from becoming infected with HIV during sexual intercourse through circumcision alone. Nor does male circumcision provide protection for sexual partners against HIV infection."

- The World Health Organisation

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"This doesn't replace the usual techniques that we know work, like condom use. That has to be loud and clear."

*- Dr. Jay Levy, one
of the doctors who
helped identify HIV
in 1983.*

Source: [http://
www.msnbc.msn.com/
id/9806505/site/newsweek/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9806505/site/newsweek/)

**Forced genital cutting of children is NOT the solution
to stopping the spread of AIDS. Condom use WORKS!**