
American Academy of Pediatrics Urged to Consider Boys' Human Rights in Forthcoming Statement on Male Circumcision, by National Coalition For Men

Mutilating Boys' Healthy Functioning Sexual Organs is and Inexcusable Double Standard and Human Rights Violation, says NCFM

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LOS ANGELES/EWORLDWIRE/Feb. 1, 2010 --- Last week, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Task Force on Circumcision met to finalize the organization's forthcoming statement, which "may recommend the routine circumcision of boys," declares the National Coalition For Men (NCFM) Spokesperson Marc Angelucci.

NCFM calls on AAP to stop the gender-based double standards relating to circumcision and take into account both medical science and the human rights of boys when it comes to circumcision.

"It is inhumane to mutilate the healthy, functioning sexual organ of baby boys without their consent, just as it would be for baby girls," said Angelucci. "The male foreskin is packed with high sensory fine-touch nerve endings. Removing the foreskin is gynecologically equivalent to the removal of the clitoral hood, one of several forms of female circumcision that are all illegal as a routine procedure. Why aren't boys given the same protection?"

A recent study using fine-touch medical instruments for the first time ever to study the sensation on the penis found circumcision removes the most sensitive part of the penis.
(http://www.livescience.com/health/070615_penis_sensitivity.html)

Recently, the Royal Australasian College of Physicians found there is "no evidence to support routine circumcision of newborn and infant males," and, "There is evidence that circumcision does result in memory of painful experience," and said parents should wait until their child is old enough to give informed consent.
(<http://www.smh.com.au/national/letters/no-evidence-to-support-routine-circumcision-20090911-fkna.html>)

Even more recently, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia declared "routine removal of normal tissue in a healthy infant, is not recommended," and also addressed the ethical considerations of removing healthy, functioning tissue from a baby boy who cannot consent.
(<https://www.cpsbc.ca/files/u6/Circumcision-Infant-Male.pdf>)

Angelucci added, "As for the controverted studies showing circumcision reduces the spread of HIV in Africa, there is also research showing female circumcision reduces the chances of contracting HIV - but even the least intrusive form of female circumcision is illegal to perform on an infant girl."

Renowned physician Dr. Dean Edell called the African/HIV studies "silly" and warned that circumcising African boys "will backfire." He recognized the gender double standards, the loss of sensation in the penis, how condoms and education are the solution, and how the U.S. has the highest rate of circumcision in the West and also the highest rate of HIV while European men don't circumcise and have lower HIV rates.
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlsUg0sdAtE>)

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