

Over 75% of male newborns in the western US are intact.

"As an OB/GYN trained to do circumcisions, I have decided that it is such a mutilation and torture of our babies that I want to work with educated parents that will keep their sons intact."

Dr. Jade P. McGaff, M.D.

"I am grateful I overcame my defenses and did not subject my sons to circumcision."

Dr. Joseph Kassel N.D.

"Because my penis is different than my father's, at no time has it affected our deep bonded relationship. I am grateful to be intact."

Misha Kassel, 4th year medical student.

"As physicians, we will practice Primum no nocere (First do no harm)."

"Circumcision causes pain, trauma and a permanent loss of protective and erogenous tissue. Removing normal, healthy, functioning tissue violates the United Nations declaration of Human Rights (Article 5) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child (Article 13)."
Dr. Leo Sorger, M.D. (OB-GYN News)

"Breastfeeding and bonding were interrupted when our first son was circumcised, the screams, the look in his eyes of 'I trusted you, how could you let this happen?' and the long months of crying as he was healing his wound are memories we wish we could forget. Our third child was born naturally at home; being educated we kept him whole. There was no pilikia of bonding, breastfeeding, or crying. Hawaiian people never circumcised; the third piko is a deep connection for us. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"

Leinani Navas-Loa

"I have three sons who were circumcised because I didn't know enough to protect them. I have apologized to them all, and I now have four intact grandsons. It is time to forgive ourselves for our ignorance and then to work to bring an end to genital cutting of baby boys in the United States."

Marilyn Milos, RN, founder of NOCIRC

For More Information

If your physician or healthcare provider recommends that your child be circumcised, get another opinion from a physician who understands the important functions of the foreskin, no matter how "urgent" the situation may be. Phimosis is not a valid reason.

For help finding one in your area contact:

www.cirp.org/

National Organization of Circumcision

Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC)

P.O. Box 2512 San Anselmo, CA 94979-2512

Phone: 415-488-9883

Fax: 415-488-9660

www.nocirc.org/

Doctors are encouraged to join:

Doctors Opposing Circumcision (DOC)

2442 NW Market St. #42 Seattle WA. 98107

Phone: 360-385-1882

Fax: 360-385-1948

www.faculty.washington.edu/gcd/DOC/

Another resource especially for nurses:

Nurses for the Rights of the Child.

369 Montezuma #354, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Phone: 505-989-7377

www.cirp.org/nrc/

For alternative bris for Jewish parents:

Circumcision Resource Center,

Ronald Goldman PHD

P.O. Box 232 Boston, MA 02133

617-523 Boston, MA 02133

Phone: 617-523-0088

www.circumcision.org/

In Hawai'i contact:

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P.O. Box 400

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I Ka'ike Ka Mana Knowledge is Power

What Every Parent Needs to Know Before Your Baby Boy is Born



Photo by Ryan Bell

Increasing numbers of American parents today are protecting their sons from routine circumcision at birth

Become informed, make
an educated decision

WHY IS THE FORESKIN THERE?

The foreskin has three known functions: protective, sensory, and sexual

During infancy, the foreskin is attached to the glans and protects it from urine, feces, and abrasions from diapers. Throughout life, the foreskin keeps the glans soft and moist and protects it from trauma and injury.

Without this protection, the glans becomes dry, calloused, and desensitized from exposure and chafing. Glands in the foreskin produce antibacterial and antiviral proteins and plasma cells in the foreskin's mucosal lining secrete immunoglobulins and antibodies that defend against infection.

Do not let your doctor or any one else try to retract your child's foreskin. The best advice for the care of the intact penis is simply to leave it alone. The intact penis needs no special care.

The foreskin protects the glans throughout life. It also serves a sexual function because it is a highly innervated tissue and affects the size, shape, and lubrication of the erect penis.

According to a study published in the New Zealand Medical Journal, "Nine out of ten women prefer sex with intact men." The foreskin keeps the glans penis moist and soft, aiding in foreplay, insertion, and intercourse. Dry or painful sex is the most common sexual complaint of women in the U.S.

CIRCUMCISION IS SURGERY

Most parents don't know what is actually done to a baby when he is circumcised

The baby is placed spread-eagle on his back on a board and his arms and legs are strapped down so that he can't move.

His genitals are scrubbed with antiseptic solution. His foreskin is torn from the glans and slit lengthwise to allow for insertion of the circumcision instrument. Then the foreskin is crushed and then cut off, with or without anesthetic.



Throughout the 5-10 minute surgery, newborns scream, tremble, choke, wail, hold their breath, vomit, agonize....

Risks from Circumcision

Excessive Bleeding ★ Infection ★ Complications from anesthesia ★ Surgical Mistakes, including loss of glans and loss of entire penis ★ Death

All circumcised males lose some or most of the sensitivity in their glans and all of the sensitivity of their foreskin.

When physicians realize the important functions of the foreskin, they'll realize that just about every problem with it can and should be solved without cutting it off. Cutting off part of the body~ especially part of the penis ~ is an extreme measure that should be reserved for the most extreme circumstances. The only legitimate indications for cutting off any part of the body, including the foreskin, are life-threatening disease, life-threatening deformity, or irreparable damage. These situations are extremely rare.

EFFECTS OF CIRCUMCISION

Extensive scarring ★ Skin tags ★ Bleeding of the circumcision scar ★ Curvature of the penis ★ Tight, painful erections ★ Impotence ★ Feelings of having been violated ★ Feelings of having been mutilated

Circumcision Denudes

Depending on the amount of skin cut off, circumcision robs the male of as much as 80% or more of his penile skin. Depending on the foreskin's length, cutting it off makes the penis as much as 25% or more shorter. Careful anatomical investigation has shown that circumcision cuts off more than 3 feet of veins, arteries, and capillaries, 240 feet of nerves and more than 20,000 nerve endings. "The foreskin's muscles, glands, mucous membrane, and epithelial tissues are destroyed as well."

Circumcision Harms the Developing Brain

Recent studies published in leading medical journals have reported that circumcision has long lasting effects on the developing brain. Developmental neuropsychologist doctor James Prescott suggests that circumcision can cause deeper and more disturbing levels of neurological damage as well.



Circumciser crushing baby's foreskin with Sheldon clamp.

Circumcision is estimated to be a 400 million dollar business in America.