

**Circumcision of Infants and Children:
Short-Term Trauma and Long-Term Psychosexual Harm
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Abstract Irreversible penile reduction surgery wantonly imposed on defenceless unconsenting minors is unethical and amounts to sexual child abuse in its most extreme, sadistic, and damaging form. Infant circumcision produces a plethora of both acute and chronic physical and psychological damage, often resulting in pervasive adult psychosexual difficulties including premature ejaculation among young men, and lack of sexual sensitivity, delayed ejaculation, and erectile dysfunction among older men, as well as life-long post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in many cases. The traumatic circumcision experience itself (particularly when carried out without anaesthesia) is likely to imprint itself permanently onto the child's fragile nervous system, resulting in reduced pain thresholds at least during the several months following the destructive amputation.

Empirical psychological research demonstrates that there are wide individual differences in personality structure, constitution, and the ability to cope with stress. Thus, the significant proportion of males having a more delicate personality make-up are likely to suffer various degrees of debilitating PTSD.

In the main, infant circumcision is promoted by male doctors whom themselves have been sexually reduced without having had any say in the matter and thereby unconsciously seek to perpetuate this cycle of violent sexual child abuse. Circumcision advocates and/or those who carry out genital cutting are usually victims of sexual reduction surgery themselves. Disturbingly, a small proportion of circumcision advocates and/or genital cutters may well be sadistic paedophiles.

Not only is the circumcised male permanently and irrevocably damaged/reduced, but there is empirical evidence that sexual satisfaction of the female partner may be diminished also. Moreover, sexual perversions in post-pubescent males (such as exhibitionism, voyeurism, nudism, paedophilia, sexual aggression) may well be a result of having being subjected to involuntary circumcision. Not only do there appear to be serious negative psychological consequences of involuntary circumcision, but there also may be serious societal/sociological.

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