

CIRCUMCISION: WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL, ANYWAY?

- No medical organization in the world, including Canada and the USA, recommends infant circumcision.
- Approximately 117 baby boys die from forced circumcision each year in the USA. Death can occur from only 2.3 ounces of blood loss.
- Male, female, and intersex children are all equally deserving of the fundamental human right to bodily integrity.
- Infant circumcision removes a male's right to decide for himself whether he wants intact genitals or not.
- Circumcision is medically unnecessary, risky, and extremely painful, even with anesthetic.
- It is easier to care for a baby's intact penis than a circumcised one. Don't retract the foreskin; wipe the outside only - like cleaning a finger.

- The majority of men in the world have whole penises, and the rate of circumcision in North America continues to fall each year.
- The male foreskin has more specialized nerve endings than anywhere else on the body, including the female clitoris.
- The foreskin protects the head of the penis (glans) from abrasions and keritanization, and prevents bacteria from entering the urinary tract.
- The foreskin requires no special care, it is fused to the glans to protect infants and children, and only becomes mobile later, around puberty.
- The foreskin has many unique sexual functions.
- The area outlined on this card represents the typical amount of erogenous tissue in an adult male that is lost to circumcision: 15 square inches or 100 square centimeters. [norm.org/notjust.html]

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