

## What Is Lost?

*"To make an informed choice, parents of all male infants should be given accurate and unbiased information."*

Statement

[Male] Circumcision Policy

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### When a baby boy's natural penis is "circumcised," this is what he loses -- forever:

- \*+1. The pleasures of his multifunctional natural **foreskin**, which comprises 50% or more of the **mobile skin system** of his penis. If unfolded and spread out flat, the average adult foreskin would measure about 15 square inches (the size of a 3 x 5 inch index card). This highly specialized tissue normally covers the glans like an eyelid covers the eye, protecting it from abrasion, drying, callusing (keratinization), and contaminants of all kinds. The effects on male and female sexuality from the loss of the natural foreskin have never been studied.
- \*2. The pleasures of his **ridged band**. This half-inch wide band of soft, irregular, accordion-like corrugations is **the most intensely innervated erogenous zone on the male body** – controlling and triggering the male orgasm. The loss of this recently discovered zone of densely innervated, sexually reactive, and pleasure-producing foreskin tissue reduces the full range and intensity of sexuality – male and female.
- \*+3. The pleasures of his foreskin's synergistic "**gliding action**" – the **hallmark mechanical feature** of the natural human penis. This non-abrasive gliding of the penis in and out of itself (evagination-invagination) when masturbating or while within another body, facilitates smooth, comfortable, pleasurable intercourse for both partners. Without this remarkable gliding action, sex as nature intended it is impossible, and the corona of the surgically altered penis malfunctions as a one-way valve, scraping natural lubricants out into the drying air and making artificial lubricants essential for intercourse to be gentle, comfortable, and pleasurable. **Male circumcision makes normal sexual kinetics impossible.**
- \*4. The pleasures of thousands of his coiled fine-touch mechanoreceptors called **Meissner's corpuscles**, **the single most important sensory component** of the natural/intact penis, and also encapsulated **Vater-Pacini cells**, **Merkel's cells**, **Ruffini cells**, **nociceptors**, and branches of the **dorsal nerve** and the **perineal nerve**. Altogether, pathologists estimate that between 10,000 and 20,000 **specialized pleasure-producing nerve endings** of many types, which can feel slight motion, pressure, stretch, subtle changes in temperature, and nuance in texture, are lost.
- \*5. The pleasures of his **frenulum**, the highly erogenous V-shaped web-like tethering structure on the underside of the glans that is frequently amputated along with the foreskin, or severed, either of which destroys its important mechanical function and its capacity for giving pleasure. The frenulum forms two sides of the area called the **frenular delta** – **the most intensely innervated part of the ridged band**.
6. The pleasures and value of more than half of his temperature-responsive smooth muscle sheath called the **dartos fascia**.
7. The protection of his **immunological defense system** of his **smooth mucosa** of his inner foreskin. This produces both plasma cells that secrete immunoglobulin antibodies and antibacterial and antiviral proteins such as the **pathogen-killing enzyme lysozyme**.
8. The protection of **Lymphatic vessels**, the loss of which reduces the lymph flow within that part of his body's natural immune system.
9. The value of **Estrogen receptors** – the purpose of which is not yet fully understood and needs further study.
- \*10. The value of his **apocrine glands** of his inner foreskin, which secrete **pheromones** – nature's powerful, silent, invisible **behavioral signals** to potential sexual partners. We know the effect of their absence on human sexuality can be profound, but have never been studied.
11. The protection of his specialized epithelial **Langerhans cells**, a first-line element in his body's natural immune system in a whole penis.
- +12. The unknown value of the pink to red to dark purple **natural coloration** of his undamaged glans. The connective tissue which protectively fuses his foreskin and glans together while his penis develops, is **ripped apart** during male circumcision, wounding the glans and the foreskin remnant, leaving them raw and subject to infection, scarring, pitting, shrinkage, and eventual discoloration.
- \*+13. The pleasures of the full potential of his **natural penis length** and **natural penis circumference** because its double-layered wrapping of loose and usually overhanging foreskin is now missing, making his circumcised penis **truncated and thinner** than a full-sized natural penis.
- \*14. The value of several feet of blood vessels, including the frenular artery and branches of the dorsal artery. The loss of this rich **vasculature** interrupts normal blood flow to the shaft and glans of his penis, altering the development of his penis and damaging its natural function.
- \*15. Every year boys lose their **entire penises** from circumcision accidents and infections. They are then "sexually reassigned" by **castration** and "**transgender surgery**," and told to live their lives as "females." The long-term effects of forced transgenerating experiments are unknown but recent evidence indicates it can be psychologically devastating for the victim to attempt to live contrary to his natural sexual orientation.
16. Every year many boys **lose their lives** from the **unreported and concealed complications** of circumcision; a fact the multi-billion-dollar-a-year male circumcision industry in the US obscures and ignores.
17. By encoding violence on the brain, the infant's **emotional bonding** with his mother is disrupted, delaying his social development.
18. Indications are that his innate **sense of trust** in intimate physical contact at this pre-language state of his development is inhibited or lost as a result of suffering such excruciating pain at this early age. In its place are instilled **fear, confusion, and a sense of betrayal by his mother**.
19. **Self-confidence** and **hardiness**, by forcing the newborn victim into a defensive psychological state of "**learned helplessness**" or "**acquired passivity**" to cope with the excruciating pain which he can neither fight nor flee. The trauma of being tied down and having the most sensitive part of his body ripped apart and then skinned alive will forever **lower his pain threshold** below that of intact boys and girls.

His penis, deprived of its special mobile ridged band innervation, is deprived of the capacity for experiencing the full range of pleasure-producing sensations nature gives a man to enjoy. Amputating the foreskin system is a "**neurological castration**" and **forever decreases the range and intensity of sexual pleasure** for both the disendowed victim and his partners. The foreskin is not dangerous. We were designed to enjoy sex, and sex works best when we have all the parts we were born with. **Sex was not designed for a dry, keratinized, immobile penis.** To forcibly harm a man in this manner without his written "informed consent" is unjustifiable and cruel sexual assault and battery. This document provides the facts needed by a patient to give "informed" consent for this **radical sexual** surgery we call "male circumcision."

\* Loss of each of these nine items **reduces sexual pleasure**, gratification, and fulfillment.

+ These four items **can be partially recovered** by non-surgically expanding the existing foreskin remnant. See [www.norm-social.org](http://www.norm-social.org)