

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



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SHOULD MY BABY BE CIRCUMCISED AT BIRTH?

The American Academy of Pediatrics' position on routine circumcision has changed over the last year to reflect a slightly more "pro-circumcision" stance, which gives insurance companies more incentive to pay for the procedure.

This change reflects the results of many studies done worldwide that show a lower chance of urinary tract infections, lower risks for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, and lower rates of cancer of the penis for men who are circumcised compared to those who are not. Most of these studies, though, may not take into account current hygiene and medical practices in the United States, which tend to reduce the rates of UTI, HIV, and penile cancer.

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