



Peer Review Plan for “Recommendations for Providers Counseling Male Patients and Parents Regarding Male Circumcision and the Prevention of HIV Infection, STIs, and other Health Outcomes” and
“Background, Methods, and Synthesis of Scientific Information Used to Inform the ‘Recommendations for Providers Counseling Male Patients and Parents Regarding Male Circumcision and the Prevention of HIV infection, STIs, and other Health Outcomes”

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Subject of Planned Report: This document summarizes CDC recommendations for health care providers to inform or individually counsel male patients and parents and guardians of male newborns about the individual health benefits and risks of male circumcision in the United States when performed by health care providers, i.e., medical male circumcision.

Purpose of Planned Report: Guide health care providers who are providing education or counseling to adult and adolescent male patients and parents about elective male circumcision and prevention of HIV infection, STIs, and other health outcomes. These recommendations include up to date information about the benefits and risks of elective male circumcision by trained medical providers. They are not intended to guide the provision of information or counseling for male circumcision performed by non-medical providers or male circumcision provided outside the United States.

Type of Dissemination: Highly Influential Scientific Assessments (HISA)

Timing of Review (including deferrals): December 2, 2014 – January 16, 2015

Type of Review (panel, individual or alternative procedure): Individual

Opportunities for the Public to Comment (how and when): The draft recommendations were made available on the Internet for public comment (public comment was solicited through the www.regulations.gov website) (12/2/14-1/16/15). In addition, the draft background document and recommendations underwent expert peer review as mandated by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget for HISAs (12/2/14-1/16/15). After the initial peer review period, proposed changes to the recommendations resulting from the public comments will be shared with the peer reviewers and peer reviewers will be allowed to provide additional comments at that time. The final documents will be revised to incorporate feedback received from these sources.

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments before the Review: No

Anticipated Number of Reviewers: 4

Primary Disciplines or Expertise: Urology (adult and pediatric), infectious disease epidemiology, general pediatrics, internal medicine, public health, infant circumcision, prevention, care and treatment of HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis, HIV program planning, HIV/AIDS prevention and care policy.



Reviewers Selected by (agency or designated outside organization): Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Public Nominations Requested for Reviewers: No

Charge to Peer Reviewers: The documents that you will review are:

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We request your expert opinion on:

1. Whether any recommendations were based on studies that were inappropriate as supporting evidence or were misinterpreted
2. whether there are significant oversights, omissions, or inconsistencies that are critical for the intended audience of clinicians
3. whether the recommendations for the intended audience of health care providers are justified and appropriate

At a later time, CDC will publicly post any comments you make without attribution. Our response to your comments can be found on this page (<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/programresources/planning.html>).

1. Current Position Title: Professor of Urology

Areas of Expertise, Discipline, Relevant Experiences –Male reproductive medicine

2. Current Position Title: Clinical Professor

Areas of Expertise, Discipline, Relevant Experiences: General pediatrics, behavioral health, biostatistics, cost-utility analyses, meta-analyses, bioethics, medical education, infant circumcision

3. Current Position Title: Professor of Pediatrics

Areas of Expertise, Discipline, Relevant Experiences: Pediatrics, Allergy, Immunology, HIV care and treatment

4. Current Position Title: Associate Professor of Medicine, Infectious Disease, Medical Director of HIV/STD clinic

Areas of Expertise, Discipline, Relevant Experiences: Clinical and epidemiological research in the area of HIV and other STDs, public health.

Additional elements to be added to the public posting as they become available



Peer Reviewers' Comments
CDC/ATSDR's Response to Reviewers' Comments
Final Guidance Documents (a Highly Influential Scientific Assessment)