

# Re: The case for circumcision

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Red wrote:

So, do you expect others to agree with your assessment of the evidence?. What grounds do you have to conclude that anyone else looking at the evidence would necessarily agree with your assessment?

There is a difference between fact and opinion. There can be only one correct assessment of the facts, in spite of differing opinions. That is, it would be consistent to admit all the facts I stated and still oppose circumcision. That anti-circ activists can't do that shows that they don't find it acceptable. Instead they dishonestly evade it.

... why are you asking for input from others by posting here ...

First, I posted it to give a short summary of the facts, and to give my opinion. Second, anyone who wants to give input can.

Did you actually seek evidence that ran against the benefits and somehow discarded it, or did you only look at evidence that favored your case?.

This is a good question. I had no real opinion on it until I recently when I read stuff online about it. It is true, though, that I did essentially look at only one side – because I can tell immediately from the tone of anti-circumcision pages that they are not credible arguments.

If you have evidence you want me to look at, it's your job to cite it. You can't argue based on non-existent evidence.

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