Safe, Voluntary, Informed Male Circumcision and Comprehensive HIV Prevention Programming

Guidance for decision-makers on human rights, ethical and legal considerations

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“a human rights-based approach to the development or expansion of male circumcision services requires measures that ensure that the procedure can be carried out safely, under conditions of informed consent, and without coercion or discrimination” (WHO & UNAIDS, 2007)
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Duties of the State
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Protection and Promotion of Human Rights

Developing a Legal, Regulatory and Policy Framework that Ensures Accessibility, Acceptability, Quality and Safety

– Health services must be acceptable
– Health services must be scientifically and medically appropriate and of good quality
– Health services have to be accessible without discrimination

Protecting and Promoting the Rights of the Child

– Should the law fix an age of consent for male circumcision?
– Infant male circumcision: ethical, legal and human rights considerations
Ensuring Access to Accurate Information

Protecting Women in the Context of Male Circumcision

Progressively Expanding Access to Voluntary Male Circumcision Services
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Ensuring Safety

Ensuring Non-discrimination in Access to Services

Ensuring Voluntary and Informed Consent

– Male infants and children
– Male adolescents
– Male adults

Respecting Confidentiality
A self-assessment tool:
Thank you!

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