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Anti-circumcision group, 'Bloodstained Men,' to protest in Ann Arbor Saturday

An anti-circumcision group is planning a protest at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor Saturday.

The groups, NOCIRC of Michigan and Bloodstained Men and Their Friends are holding the protest at State Street and North University Avenue starting at 10 a.m.

Some of the protesters plan on staining their crotches with simulated blood "to symbolize the damage and trauma from genital cutting," the group says in a press release.

The group thinks the practice is wrong because it violates a baby boy's body.

"Cutting off normal tissue is not a legitimate form of disease prevention," Norm Cohen, state director of NOCIRC of Michigan, stated in the release. "Cutting off any other normal part of the body would simply be considered crazy. Circumcision is the only surgery performed on children without a diagnosis. It violates their right to bodily integrity."

The American Academy of Pediatrics believes the benefits of infant circumcision still outweigh the risk of the procedure, but stops short of recommending routine circumcision for all newborn boys, according to a statement made in 2012. [MORE](#)

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