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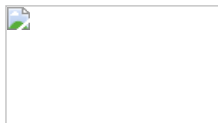
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COLONIE - A group whose mission is to persuade parents there is no need for their newborn sons to be circumcised, held a protest at the intersection of Central Avenue and Wolf road on Sunday.

It's an elective surgery and this group urges parents to elect to skip it.

The group, Bloodstained Men and Friends, says the procedure is painful and not without risk of complications.

"They're going to be sold this awful surgery by profit-making hospitals for their own sake. It's not for the benefit of the boy at all, it's just so that they can make some money.", Harry Guiremand from Bloodstained Men and Friends.

The group argues that parents lack the right to authorize genital surgery on babies.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, existing scientific evidence is not sufficient to recommend routine circumcision.