

# Human Rights Activists to Protest American Academy of Pediatrics' Harmful Exploitative Circumcision Policy

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Chicago, IL –(ENEWSPPF)–September 15, 2017. No one should alter the body of an un-consenting person without acute medical need. The [Bloodstained Men and Their Friends](#) will be sharing this message while [protesting the American](#)

Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) at its annual conference this weekend at McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago.

The 14th Amendment of the US Constitution guarantees equal protection of the law to all citizens of this country. Despite this, under the false rubric of preventative medicine, 3,000 baby boys lose their basic human right to an intact body every day in America, while baby girls are Federally protected from all genital tampering, including a ritual religious pinprick that removes no tissue and severs no nerves.

Most hospital circumcisions are performed by medical students and obstetricians, but American circumcision policy is dictated by the AAP's Circumcision Policy Statement – a contradictory, convoluted, cleverly disguised cultural justification for an unnecessary, permanent, painful, and nonconsensual cosmetic procedure.

The United States is a holdout in eradicating this Victorian-era practice which the rest of the developed world understands as a destructive human rights violation. Profit and lack of understanding keep routine circumcision alive here. The Bloodstained Men's mission is to educate all Americans about the risks and harms of genital cutting. "Most parents have no idea what they put their babies through," says Brother K, Co-Director of Bloodstained Men & Their Friends.

AAP Conference attendees will be peacefully confronted by activists including victims of genital cutting. Physicians will be reminded that babies whose genitals are mutilated as infants grow up to be men who are speaking out about what was done to their penis before they could defend themselves. Pediatricians will be faced with the basic, undeniable human rights argument against the routine genital cutting of children: the foreskin is a healthy, valuable body part that belongs to the child. It is unnecessary, cruel, damaging, and morally wrong to remove it from a healthy person who is incapable of consent.

**Bloodstained Men & Their Friends** is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving victims of genital cutting a voice and educating Americans about the

harms of infant circumcision and the importance of the foreskin. Our [bloodstained suit](#) serves as an arresting visual reminder that [circumcision affects its victims for life](#). When a baby boy is circumcised, so is the man he will become. Please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/BloodstainedMenTheirFriends> and  
<http://www.bloodstainedmen.org>

All are welcome at these peaceful protests, Saturday and Sunday, September 16-17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McCormick Place Convention Center, 2250 S Martin Luther King Drive in Chicago..

We encourage (but don't require) attendees to wear [the bloodstained suit](#). For more information please attend the protest or call Erika Talvitie at [etalvitie@bloodstainedmen.com](mailto:etalvitie@bloodstainedmen.com) or call 716-884-3710.

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