

# Genital Autonomy Legal Defense and Education Fund

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## JAMA Pediatrics Patient Page Modified After Strategic CLR Effort

# JAMA Pediatrics

Australia's Circumcision Law Reform project successfully engaged with the American Medical Association (AMA) ethics board and the external agency Committee On Publication Ethics (COPE) to prompt extensive modifications to the Journal of the AMA (JAMA) Pediatric Patient Page on newborn circumcision, which was highly biased in favor of the medically unnecessary intervention.

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## Circumcision as “Forced Disability”



A novel article authored by psychotherapist Dale Andersen-Giberson was published in the York University journal *Critical Disability Discourses/Discours critiques dans le champ du handicap*, which frames newborn circumcision as a “forced disability.”

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## Darbon Institute Launches Online MGC Course



Australia's Darbon Institute announces Male Genital Cutting 101, the world's first online course created specifically for health, mental health, and sexology professionals anywhere in the world who want to better understand and support clients affected by penile circumcision. The self-paced online course

requires roughly 8 hours of study and includes two non-graded reflective exercises. Those who complete the course will be eligible to receive client referrals from The Darbon Institute.

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## Harms of the Current Global Anti-FGM Campaign



The *Journal of Medical Ethics* recently published a critical essay by cultural anthropologist Fuambai Ahmadu and 25 co-authors titled **Harms of the current global anti-FGM campaign**. The article highlights "a troubling double standard" found in "mainstream media coverage of 'FGM', (where) one would never know that the custom does not selectively pick on women. Almost without exception, wherever there are female genital modifications, the local social norms regarding genital alteration are gender inclusive or gender equal and approvingly call for male genital modifications as well."

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## British Crown Prosecution Service: Circumcision May Be "child abuse"



A CPS draft document asserts that circumcision "...can be a painful and harmful practice, if carried out incorrectly or in inappropriate circumstances. It may be a form of child abuse or an offence against the person..."

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