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Penile amputation in an infant

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Plate 1: Visible urethra (arrow A) in penis amputated during circumcision by a traditional circumciser (wanzam)

Penile amputation is a rare but tragic complication of circumcision and other penile surgical procedures,

child abuse, traffic accidents and animal attacks. Replantation is likely to be successful when performed within 8 hours of amputation especially if the glans are stored in cold saline. After that period, options include phallic reconstruction and sex reassignment. Other adverse

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Plate 2: Infant urinating from stump of penis amputated during circumcision by a traditional circumciser (wanzam)

sequelae of circumcision are haemorrhage, infection, urethrocutaneous fistula, iatrogenic hypospadias and epidermal inclusion cysts. There is a need for improved training and regulation of all circumcision practitioners.

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