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From: Jake Waskett <jake@w...>
Date: Sun Nov 16, 2003 6:13 pm
Subject: Re: [circlist] Legal Issues

On Monday 17 November 2003 12:45 am, you wrote:
> At 0:12 +0000 17/11/03, Daniel King wrote:
> I've just had a look at that silly site www.circumcisionquotes.com I
> notice that there is a story there about some 21 year old in Suffolk
> County New York who sued his hospital for being circumcised. Does anyone
> know whether his circ was in any way botched? The Web site doesn't say
> so, but fairly obviously there's going to be a lot of spin on any story
> such an anti-circ site puts out. It's important that I get an answer to
> this question, because I'm currently launching a second Press Council
> complaint - this time against the West Australian newspaper - for raising
> the issue of 'legal implications of performing an operation on a
> nonconsenting minor'. If the 21 year old's circ was botched in any way
> clearly it will not be possible for anyone to cite his case as evidence
> that the floodgates are soon to be opened allowing ANY man to sue for
> being circumcised. I've pasted the Web page article below.
>
> Daniel.

> Because an out of court settlement appears to have been agreed rather
> than a judgement the case will not, surely, thereby set a precedent
> (it certainly wouldn't under English law).
>
> The crux of the case also seems to have been whether valid consent
> was received from the mother - not whether she was legally able to
> give valid consent at all, but whether in this particular case she
> was in a fit mental and physical state to give the consent.

I was just thinking about this, and it occurred to me that this might cause hospitals to wait for a little before getting consent. I don't think that's actually a bad idea, because it's worth taking the time to think carefully about this decision. If parents do decide to circumcise their son (as many doubtless will), they should certainly be well-informed, so that some lies can be corrected should the son happen across the vile anti-circumcision propaganda that causes so many so much pain.

This got me thinking: are we as the pro-circumcision community doing enough to combat this propaganda? Can we do more? For myself, I'm not troubled

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the honest information - hey everything has disadvantages, after all but the hate-fuelled nonsense and confused thinking that is so commonly seen, the apparently intentional deception that is I think justified in their minds by the well-meaning belief that they are doing it for a good cause. Just like those who tried Galileo.