



**Protect the Boy.
Save the Man.**



Report to Supporters 2022

The United States is the only Western country where doctors routinely cut the genitals of boys for no medical reason.

Would we do this to girls? Certainly not.
Intact America is determined to end this double standard.



Who We Are

Intact America is the largest national advocacy group working to end child genital cutting in America and to ensure healthy sexual futures for all people.

“Routine” male circumcision is a medically unnecessary surgery that amputates healthy, valuable tissue from a baby boy’s natural penis and diminishes his sexual pleasure for the rest of his life.

A baby boy who has been circumcised will grow to be a physically and emotionally scarred man who is missing 15 square inches of his penis.



Our Vision

Intact America envisions a world where children are free from medically unnecessary surgeries performed on them without their consent in the name of culture, religion, profit, or parental preference.

Our Mission

Intact America’s mission is to “change the way America thinks about circumcision.”

Intact America fulfills its mission by challenging social and sexual norms and by advocating for the health and wellbeing of all children and the adults they will become.

We do this through creative messaging, advocacy, education, public policy reform, and the empowerment of our supporters, partners, and volunteers.



What We Do

- Strategic Advocacy Campaigns
- Research & Surveys
- Outreach Programs
- Media Interviews
- Bylined Articles
- Monthly Newsletter
- Public Opinion Polls
- Demonstrations & Conferences
- Social Media
- Blog Posts
- Intactivist Talking Points
- “Ask Marilyn” Advice Columns
- Circumcision Survivor Interactions
- Answer Parents’ Questions
- Monthly “Voices” first-person stories
- #FridayForeskinFacts



10 out of 10
babies
say **NO!** to
circumcision.



Changing the way America thinks about circumcision.
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Great Things Are Happening at Intact America

Dear Supporter:

It is my pleasure to present Intact America's 2022 Report to Supporters. Inside, you'll find highlights from the last two years, results of our intelligence-gathering surveys, and information about exciting new projects.

Our organization is bigger, stronger, and more impactful than ever. Now in our 15th year, I feel confident that IA is taking the right steps to end the routine cutting of baby boys' genitals in America.

In 2020, we became an independent 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity and elected a diverse board of directors with strong advocacy, health care, and legal experience.

In 2021, we solidified the intactivist movement by merging Genital Autonomy-America (GA-America, formerly known as NOCIRC) into Intact America. GA-America founder Marilyn Milos, RN, is now a member of our board of directors and continues in her role as Intact America's clinical consultant, imparting compassion, wisdom, and expert advice to people who send us questions about circumcision and its consequences.

In 2022, we planned and managed Intact 2022—an international conference on child genital cutting modeled after 15 prior symposia produced by Marilyn over three decades. This dynamic event, held in Atlanta and streamed live for those who were not able to travel, was a tremendous success. There were old and new faces, new ideas, new initiatives, and an unprecedented level of optimism that we're getting closer to the tipping point, when public opinion will turn in our favor.

We've made great progress. But we still face big challenges.

Infant circumcision in the United States is a \$2-billion-dollar-a-year business that thrives by needlessly harming a baby boy's penis, risking his health, and compromising his and his future partners' sexual pleasure.

Our surveys show that circumcision persists because it is embedded throughout the entire U.S. medical system—including doctors, hospitals, academia, the insurance companies, and medical supply and human tissue industries. Routine circumcision is unethical and serves no therapeutic purpose. It is irrefutable that cutting a child's healthy genitals, whether that child is male, female, or intersex, is child abuse.

The voices protesting this travesty are growing louder and more numerous. Parents who have been misinformed and coerced into cutting their sons are reaching out for assistance in filing complaints. Health care professionals who have been railroaded into participating in the assembly line of hospital-based circumcision are saying, "I won't do this anymore; and I won't be silent about it."

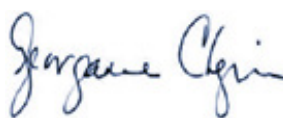
Up to now, perpetrators—human and institutional—have been protected from accountability, at least in part because filing a formal complaint is difficult and usually ineffective.

As the largest intactivist organization in the world, Intact America has a duty to act.

Intact America's newest project, **DoNoHarm™**, is a customer-facing data-collection and reporting project that will be publicized through national marketing and advertising, coupled with our extensive social media outreach. We will compile complaints about circumcision solicitation, circumcision injuries, and incidents of forcible foreskin retraction, the latter experienced by more than 40% of intact American boys. Our database will streamline the submission of the complaints to providers, health care facilities, state regulatory agencies, and a national quality-monitoring organization, and will track their responses or failure to respond. Intact America will publish these results widely, so that no one can ever dismiss our mission by saying, "I never heard anybody complain."

It is my privilege to do this work and to have you as Intact America's partner. With the strength of your support, we will use our influence to challenge a system that profits from irreparably harming baby boys and the men they will become. We will ensure that future children grow up whole.

Sincerely,



Georganne Chapin

Founding Executive Director
Board Chair



2021-2022 Highlights

After receiving its IRS designation as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in December 2020, Intact America started the new year as an independent nonprofit entity with its own corporate structure and Board of Directors.



JANUARY 2021

Peter The Anteater makes his first appearance as Intact America's official mascot.



JUNE 2021

An Intact America opinion poll shows that 22.5% of respondents favor keeping boys intact, up from 15.7% in 2019. That means the percentage of Americans who think baby boys should keep their foreskins intact is approaching 25%, which research tells us is a "tipping point," when society begins to accept a change in the status quo.



AUGUST 2021

The New Yorker publishes "My Gentle Region—The Legacy of a Botched Circumcision," by Gary Shteyngart, a rare instance of a negative circumcision article in mainstream media. Two weeks later, the New Yorker publishes a letter with additional anti-circumcision facts by Intact America's Georganne Chapin.



OCTOBER 2021

MAY 2021

HOW TO WASH YOUR FORESKIN

1. Retract
2. Rinse
3. Replace



#FridayForeskinFacts, a weekly social media post to educate Americans about the value of the foreskin, is launched.

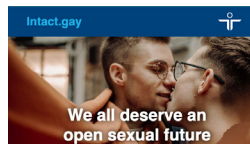
JULY 2021



Genital Autonomy America

Genital Autonomy America (formerly the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers, or NOCIRC) merges with Intact America.

OCTOBER 2021



Intact America unveils a new website intact.gay, as a virtual way to support the LGBTQA+ community and advocate for healthy sexual futures for all.

MARCH 2022



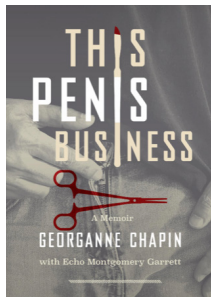
Intact America introduces the "Ask Marilyn" advice column to respond to questions sent by our constituents. Answers are provided by our clinical advisor, Marilyn Milos, RN, whose expertise spans decades.

Intact America is enthusiastically greeted at Indy Pride, Indiana's premier Pride event.



JUNE 2022

Georganne Chapin announces that her upcoming book, "This Penis Business: A Memoir," and Marilyn Milos's book, "Please Don't Cut the Baby: A Nurse's Memoir," will be released in 2023.



AUGUST 2022

Intact America co-sponsors Intact 2022, the 16th International Symposium on Child Genital Cutting, in Atlanta, Georgia. More than two dozen new and veteran intactivists presented fresh and compelling information on the intactivism movement's current progress and challenges.



AUGUST 2022

Intact America announces the upcoming launch of National Foreskin Day April 4, 2023.



DECEMBER 2022

JUNE 2022



Intact America pulls out the stops at NYC Pride with a 20-foot-long exhibition tent and performances by artist and activist Dragonfly Wilson. We handed out a record-breaking 4,500 information packets.

SEPTEMBER 2022



Intact America and Doctors Opposing Circumcision announce a collaboration to create a broad-based consumer protection program, **DoNoHarm™**, to address the epidemic of penile abuse by medical professionals. The project will assist parents in filing complaints regarding circumcision solicitation, circumcision complications, and forcible foreskin retraction of their sons.

NOVEMBER 2022



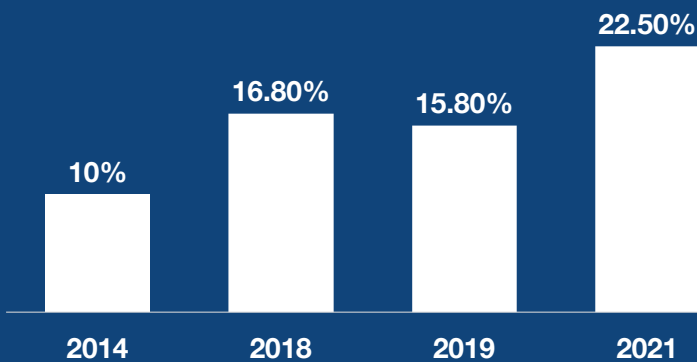
Intact America's latest survey asks new mothers if they have experienced circumcision solicitation, if their sons have experienced complications, if their intact sons had their foreskins forcibly retracted by a health professional, and if they filed a complaint about such abuses. The data will be used to support the DoNoHarm™ campaign.

Our Impact

Intact America is the only national intactivist organization with a paid professional staff and a cadre of skilled consultants. We use our advocacy, communication, and strategic expertise to mount public awareness, information, and education campaigns, and promote timely updates to nearly 100,000 followers. We survey public opinion, research harm to boys and their families caused by America's circumcision-obsessed culture, and support circumcision survivors and their loved ones.



More Americans Favor Keeping Boys Intact



Intact America Is Changing the Way Americans Think About Circumcision.

Intact America's first public opinion survey in 2014 found that only 1 out of 10 Americans agreed that baby boys should be kept intact. Today, that number is approaching 1 out of 4. The poll shows we are making strong and steady progress in how our nation views circumcision.

94%

of new mothers were solicited by doctors, nurses, and midwives to have their sons circumcised.

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solicitations, on average, were received by each mother.

45%

(fewer than half!) of new mothers would have circumcised their sons if they were not asked.

We Showed That Doctors & Nurses Actively Solicit New Moms to Circumcise Their Sons.

Intact America's national survey of mothers who gave birth to baby boys from 2017 to 2020 showed a direct correlation between soliciting mothers and a higher circumcision rate. Our survey found that even asking just once persuaded mothers to say yes. This research adds new urgency to our work seeking to stop hospitals from including circumcision consent forms in maternity admissions paperwork and asking parents if they want this harmful surgery for their boys.



Doctors' Ignorance About the Foreskin Puts Intact Boys at Ongoing Risk.

Intact America is the only organization that has ever quantified the prevalence of forcible foreskin retraction (FFR), finding that more than 4 out of 10 intact boys have had their foreskins forcibly retracted before the age of 7. Too many doctors, nurses, and parents falsely believe that the foreskin should be retractable at birth and that if it is not, it must be forcibly retracted. However, foreskin tightly adheres to the glans (the head of the penis) and will retract on its own in time, sometimes not until the boy is in his late teens or early twenties. Tearing the foreskin from the glans is comparable to brutally pulling out a fingernail.

Intact America is addressing the horrifically high FFR rate through our foreskin protection campaign, which seeks to educate Americans about the proper care for intact boys.

43.4% of intact boys have had their foreskins forcibly retracted by an adult before the age of seven.

50% of forcible retractions were done by doctors.

9% of forcible retractions were done by nurses.

25% of parents said they had forced their son's foreskin back at the encouragement of doctors.



Men Are Speaking Out!

Circumcision trauma is real. Many men who were circumcised as babies carry physical and emotional scars for their entire lives. Many feel damaged and ashamed of how their penises look, and are angry that they have been deprived of sensory pleasure without their consent.

Regrettably, society turns its back on circumcision survivors. But Intact America assures circumcision survivors that they are not alone.

We affirm the feelings of men who are angry or in despair about what happened to them. We exchange email and social media messages with survivors. We publish their stories in our monthly “Voices” first-person column. We provide important clinical information in our “Ask Marilyn” advice column.

We also offer survivors an opportunity to take action by joining our movement. Together, we work hard to stop male child genital cutting and protect the health and sexual future of baby boys and the men they will grow up to be.



We Ensure Their Stories Are Heard.

Men can talk about their pain and regret through our Voices column.

I will NEVER forgive my father for having my body mutilated the day after I was born. As a result, I feel and look sexually inferior to other males.

Eugene Ocasio

I was circumcised twice—first when I was born and again as a revision when I was about 5 years old. This has haunted me ever since.

I clearly remember the second circumcision—surrounded by doctors all looking at me. I was scared and cold, and my mom had left the room. I remember that day like it was yesterday.

V.R.

Circumcised infants create dysfunctional children and adults in more ways than American society and the world realizes.

Trust me when I say from experience that this procedure often billed as just a quick snip can permanently ruin lives.

Brad Christensen

Intact America in the News

Intact America is spreading its message through frequent national and local media coverage.



GazetteXtra NO ONE DELIVERS LIKE WE DO

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New mom says her opposition to circumcision met with backlash



The New York Post

"Andrew Yang's anti-circumcision stance cuts deep: Jewish leaders."

New York Daily News

"Yang's Foresight on Foreskin: Applaud the Mayoral Candidate for Doubting the Need for Circumcision."

The New Yorker

Letter by Georganne Chapin, responding to Gary Shteyngart's "Botched Circumcision" article.

The Janesville Gazette

"New Mom Says Her Opposition to Circumcision Met with Backlash."

Univisión -Tampa

"Circuncisión ¿Tajo necesario?"

North Dakota InForum

"North Dakota mom says medical procedure needlessly harmed her uncircumcised 3-year-old."

KXNET-TV

"North Dakota mom advocating for medical rights after 3-year-old's foreskin was forcibly retracted."

Radio Kingston

La Voz con Mariel Fiori, two separate shows featuring Georganne Chapin.

Scrubs

"Why is circumcision so common in the U.S.?"

Daily Mail

"Is the NHS carrying out thousands of unnecessary circumcisions on teenage boys? New report shows irreversible surgery is carried out 10,000 times per year."

AskMen.com

"Your Very Own Handy Guide to Being Circumcised."

The Reporter

"The Negative Consequences of Male Circumcision."

Armchair Expert's Flightless Bird podcast

"The Circumcision Episode."

Purdue Exponent

"Controversy over circumcision persists."

The Pacific Index

"Love and Sex: The Double Standard of Male Circumcision."

Baby Pro Podcast

"Why baby boys should keep their normal penises."

Depths of Motherhood podcast

"The Truth about Circumcision, with Georganne Chapin."

Curiosity with Jon & Mike podcast

"Circumcision Episode."

Chicana Chisme

"The Circumcision Culture Clash"



Testimonials

Dean Pisani

Founding Donor, Intact America

It takes an organized approach to educate and inform people about the facts and reality of 'routine' circumcision. Thanks to Intact America, the general public is learning about this barbaric practice in a respectful way. Circumcision is the 'Big Tobacco' of medical care. We're challenging the individuals and medical organizations that continue to push the narrative that circumcision is good.

Leonard Glick, MD, PhD

Author, *Marked in Your Flesh: Circumcision from Ancient Judea to Modern America*.
Oxford:2005

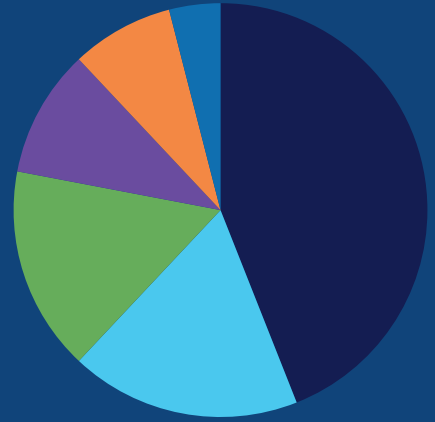
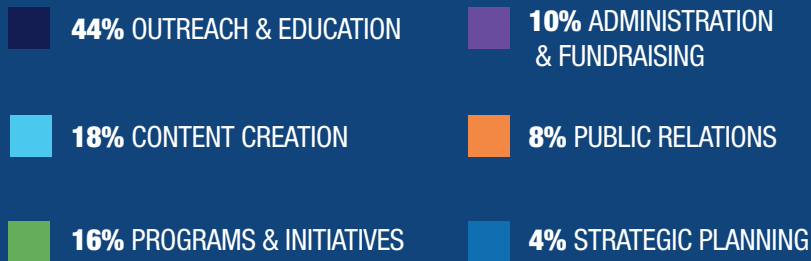
I'm an American Jew. But my opposition to genital cutting has nothing to do with my cultural and ethnic background. For me, it's an issue of autonomy and ethics. Children have the right to their physical integrity. I support Intact America because it's leading the movement to end the barbaric practice of 'routine' circumcision.

Sarah Zeimet

Mother of Two

I support Intact America because it stimulates necessary discussions and educates Americans that circumcision is unnecessary, and that the foreskin is natural, normal, and good. Intact America helped me tell my story to the media about the intense pressure the hospital put on me to cut my newborn son, and how hard I fought to keep him intact. My story and the other stories Intact America shares give people the courage to stand up and speak out against circumcision. Otherwise, many people would remain silent.

How We Allocate Our Time & Effort



Board Members

Intact America Board of Directors



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Board Member



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Board Member



Intact America maintains four websites:



intactamerica.org

our primary website with our initiatives & blog



circumcisiondebate.org

*an entry-level introduction to the issue
(In English & Spanish)*



intact.gay

*a sex-positive, pro-Pride declaration
of sexual rights*



adversechildhoodexperiences.net

*an initiative that calls for adding child genital
cutting to the standard ACEs checklist*

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