

An Autopsy of Pertinent Psychosocial Deficits Espoused in Contemporary Traditional Male Circumcision in South Africa: A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT Hugely, and on account of year-in-year-out occurrences of circumcision deaths and mishaps especially in some parts of the Eastern Cape Province, the current traditional male circumcision practice is continually robbing societies of their erstwhile social capital that has been usually associated with the rite. The aim of the article through the use of desktop literature review method is to engage in discourse, discussions and debates on pertinent psychosocial deficits espoused in the contemporary traditional male circumcision in South Africa. The paper findings indicate that the initiates and their families suffer the following bouts of psychosocial deficits: psychological and emotional loss, socio-emotional disequilibrium, betrayal and apathy. The article recommends a need for multi-sectoral assistance packages, various welfare psychosocial assistance and support, multidisciplinary professional interventions, and the need to institute circumcision victim support centers.