



Exploring Flaws Embedded in the Contemporary Traditional Circumcision Practice in South Africa: A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT Incontrovertibly, various voices of different personalities and stakeholders whether nationally, regionally and internationally continue to wonder why South Africa is experiencing circumcision accidents year-in-year-out. However, other sources seem to indicate that the traditional male circumcision house is in disarray. This calls for critical analysis, debates and discourses with the aim of carrying a serious autopsy of the phenomenon with the hope of taking stock of its operations. This paper, through a desk top review of literature methodology aims to discuss the flaws embedded in the contemporary traditional circumcision practice in South Africa. Findings of the paper highlights the following flaws: death of the initiates, pecuniary dimension, changing goal posts of the culture, violation of human rights, as well as posing possible threats to culture itself. The article recommends: the collaboration of government, traditional custodians and civil society in augmenting the flaws, launching and strengthening circumcision awareness campaigns, reformation, restructuring and enhancement of the circumcision practice in general.