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Cosmetic surgery on intersex infants for the purpose of creating a binary physical sex is wrong. Also, assignment of a binary sex is then wrong as is assignment of a core gender identity. In the case of saving a life of an intersex infant surgery should be done but not for purely cosmetic reasons. Example Cloacal Extrophy or if there is no place to void (Dr. Stred Pediatrician Boston I Want To Be Like Nature Made Me 2018, Human Rights Watch Video).

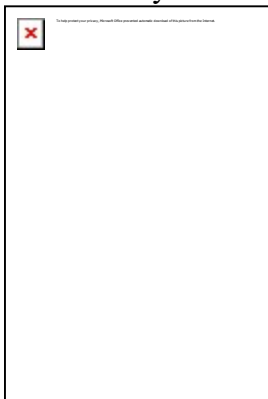
Just because the tissue looks different does not mean it is diseased and once you cut or sculpt away tissue it cannot be replaced or regrown. My research suggests negative consequences from these types of non-consenting surgeries. Small penises or small under developed penises of intersex infants should NOT be cut off nor should these infants then be assigned as girls. I did not have surgery and I am so grateful and feel very lucky. Fears that the infant will be bullied or harassed unless such a non consensual binary surgery is done is wrong because it is not the infants fault it would be the fault of the one doing the bullying or harassing. It is time Little Intersex Boys genitals be left alone and little intersex girls too.

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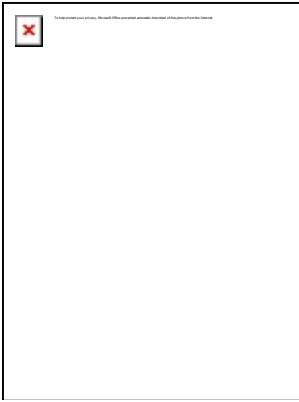
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