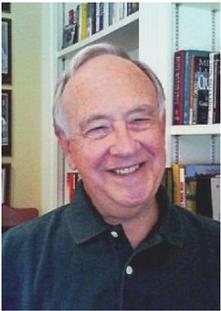


***RETIRED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)  
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013.  
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.***

***JEFF BROWN, M.D.***

***THE HISTORY OF NEWBORN CIRCUMCISION AND ITS  
MEDICAL –LEGAL CONSEQUENCES.***



Circumcision is probably the world's most widely performed procedure. Approximately one-third of males worldwide are circumcised, most often for reasons other than medical indication. It is commonly practiced between infancy and the early twenties. The United Nations World Health organization estimated in 2007 that 664,500,000 males aged 15 and over are circumcised, most often for reasons other than medical indication, almost 70% of whom are Muslim. In the United States, hospital discharge surveys estimated rates at 48.3% around the year 1990, 61% in 2000, and around 56.6% in 2008. These estimates are lower than the actual rates, as they do not account for non-hospital circumcisions, or for procedures performed for medical need. Concerns expressed that removing a healthy body part from a child too young to have a say in the matter have not gained traction, and anticircumcision activists (“intactavists”) represent a very local minority.

Dr. Brown will discuss the religious and medical origins of performing male newborn circumcision, arguments for and against the medical procedure, and liability considerations for medical practitioners. The American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Circumcision recently changed its formal recommendation to state that scientific studies have shown that the medical benefits of male newborn circumcision outweigh the disadvantages with regard to preventing HIV/AIDS and that physicians should present this information to the parents of male newborns.

Dr. Brown, who is Board-certified in pediatric medicine, has been on the staff of Greenwich Hospital since 1971, and has been a member of Yale’s Epic Physicians Advisory Group. He is a Clinical Professor at NY Medical College and at Weill-Cornell Medical School. He served on two national Executive Committees of the American Association of Pediatrics, including Liability and Risk Management. A prolific author, he has authored four books and many articles for physicians and parents. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

**RMA meetings are free and open to the public; no reservations are required. Please plan to arrive around 10:30 for our social break (coffee and cake), followed by our speaker at 10:45. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.**