

Human Rights Watch

Children's Rights

<https://www.hrw.org/topic/childrens-rights/intersex-children>

Campaign and Advocacy

Children born with variations in their sex characteristics sometimes called intersex variations are often subjected to "normalizing" surgeries that are irreversible, risky, and medically unnecessary. Approximately 1.7 percent of people have an intersex trait, meaning intersex variations are not uncommon, just often misunderstood. Human Rights Watch works to document and advocate against all surgical procedures that seek to alter the gonads, genitals, or internal sex organs of children with atypical sex characteristics too young to participate in the decision, when those procedures both carry a meaningful risk of harm and can be safely deferred.

October 18, 2021

September 1, 2021

December 13, 2019

US Medical Provider Discomfort with Intersex Care Practices

Medically Unnecessary Surgeries on Intersex Children in the US

Rights Body Urges End to Early Normalizing Interventions on Children

Hospital Should Halt Medically Unnecessary Surgeries

88th pre-session

Hospital is First Institution to Make This Change and Apologize for Harm Done

Elective Surgeries Should Be Patients Choice

New Government Committee Should Include Intersex Perspectives

Rights Commission Consultation Exposes Harmful, Unnecessary Medical Practices

New European Guidelines Reflect Intersex Patient Advocates Views

Oct 27, 2022

Islamists Killing Spree in northeast Mali; Escalating Atrocities in Ethiopia; Russia Using Facial Recognition to Hunt Draft Evaders; Take Note; Reader Tip: Business and Human Rights; Quote of the Day: Xinjiang.

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