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## Meatal Stenosis Is A Delayed Complication

Letter to the Editor in Response to: Morris BJ, Krieger JN. Does circumcision increase meatal stenosis risk? — a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Urology* 2017; 110: 16-26.

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To the Editor:

My hearty congratulations to Morris and Krieger[1] for demonstrating a well-established fact: meatal stenosis is *not* an immediate complication following male circumcision. Since the 19th century, when meatotomy was so common in the Jewish men it was referred to as the “Second Circumcision,”[2] meatal stenosis has been recognized as a *delayed* complication following circumcision.

Meatal stenosis typically develops three to five years following circumcision, yet 99.17% of the data presented by the authors was collected from males in the first six months following the procedure. Likewise, 98.52% of the data were gathered from large databases, which are known to underestimate circumcision complication rates ten-fold. For example, a database of 1.4 million circumcised males found only 1 had documentation of experiencing “acute postoperative pain” following circumcision.[3] The between-study heterogeneity is remarkably

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