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The BMA's genital cutting guidance is a disturbing departure from evidence-based, patient-centred policy making

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Genital cutting and the laws of unintended consequences

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By Dr Antony Lempert, Secular Medical Forum

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