

No instruction to suspend use of Tara Klamp in mass circumcision drive

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Contrary to recent media reports, the Minister of Health Dr Aaron Motsoaledi has not given any instruction to anyone to discontinue the use of the Tara Klamp device in the medical male circumcision currently being conducted in the country.

Medical Male Circumcision (MMC) has been identified as one of the key interventions in the fight against HIV and AIDS in South Africa. Studies have shown that MMC can reduce the risk of infection by up to 60%.

The Department of Health would like to place it on record that the use of the Tara Klamp as a device to conduct MMC will continue while investigations are being conducted regarding other possible methods. The Department of Health also remains fully committed to the roll-out of medical male circumcision as policy and intervention in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

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