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Subject: Draft revised guidelines: Sexual boundaries in the doctor-patient relationship’.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the guidelines. I have a few questions rather than comments.

As a paediatrician, I would not normally use gloves when ensuring a newborn’s genitalia are normal, their hips are enlocated and that the testes are descended in males.

Does this guideline suggest paediatricians will be expected to wear gloves for all examinations in young children?

Also will the guideline specify that the gloves must be latex free in case of allergy or anaphylaxis?

Is there any evidence that wearing gloves will change behaviour in those small numbers of doctors who perpetrate sexual abuse?

Yours truly

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