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

Hi

As a consultant paediatrician with 50 years experience behind me I must point out that the suggested Guidelines are too broad and take no account of the fact that, as stated, it would cover all medical practitioners.

In practice this does not seem relevant or appropriate to the examination of the genitalia of the newborn infant or of the vast majority of children.

The age at which it may become relevant at the upper end of paediatric practice may be difficult to define. However, the most important factor at all age levels in paediatrics is surely an explanation of the reason for the examination and obtaining the consent of the parent or the child/adolescent before proceeding.

Yours sincerely

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