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Regarding the physical examination of children, use of gloves may impede the accurate assessment of palpating undescended testes especially in infants and neonates.

The wording

“When conducting a physical examination, good medical practice involves:

- ***Using gloves when examining genitals or conducting internal examinations”***

may

1. Penalise Paediatricians for undertaking a thorough examination or
2. Discourage Paediatricians from an adequate examination and identifying a time critical condition due to excessive concern about maintaining sexual boundaries.

The wording as it stands is not suitable for Optimal Paediatric Care and may be too broad.

Kind regards,

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