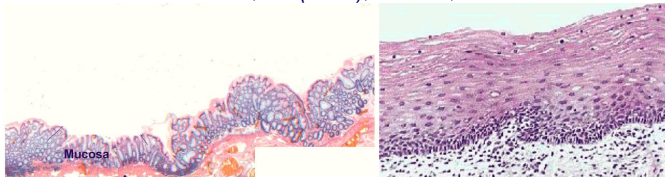


The Physical and Moral Hazard of Anal Sexual Intercourse

"The shape of the bowel is not intended for the purpose of sexual intercourse. The muscle of the anal sphincter has to be forced open. The lining of the bowel is a single cell layer. As a result there is trauma and tearing...the consequence is easy entrance of bacteria and viruses." Mr M E Duncan, MD(Hons), FRCSE, FRCOG



Fragile, single cell lining of the rectum. Robust, multi-layer lining of the vagina.

1. It (or allied sexual activities) may cause anal fissures¹ and has been linked to anal sphincter damage².

2. It increases the risk of transmitting blood borne viruses - the risk for passing on HIV is 'much higher'³. *"Anal intercourse, penile or otherwise, traumatizes the soft tissues of the rectal lining. These tissues... are nowhere near as sturdy as vaginal tissue. As a consequence, the lining of the rectum is almost always traumatized to some degree by any act of anal intercourse. Even in the absence of major trauma, minor or microscopic tears in the rectal lining allow for immediate contamination and the entry of germs into the bloodstream."* Dr Satinover. This is the reason why the National Blood Transfusion Service has till recently declined homosexual donors⁴, despite increasing political pressure. It is not therefore surprising that HIV rates in male homosexuals (MSM) are still rising rapidly in the US⁵.

3. It considerably increases the risk of transmitting sexually transmitted diseases, carried in either the blood or in semen, like viral hepatitis B or C for example⁶.

Durex' own website claimed in October 2000: "Anal intercourse is a high-risk activity because of the potential for infection from STDs including HIV transmission. Currently, there are no specific standards for the manufacture of condoms for anal sex. Current medical advice is therefore to avoid anal sex. However, whenever this advice is not followed, the medical profession recommends that stronger condoms should be used although studies have shown that there is still a risk of breakage and slippage". Durex has since erased these comments viewed on 26/4/01, but not because of a change in the medical evidence.

4. It greatly increases the risk of anal cancer – which although rare, has increased considerably recently. '88% of all cancer samples contained human papilloma virus'⁷ - indicating that nearly 90% of anal cancer sufferers had engaged in passive anal intercourse. In non-heterosexuals the rate was 97%. Other studies report an increased anal cancer risk from receptive anal intercourse in men and in women. In one study, the reported rate was up to 41 times higher.

5. It causes anal warts, themselves a major contributor to cancer⁷. Vaccines reduce but don't remove the risk⁸.

So why are UK government agencies for health and education promoting, not discouraging anal sex? Why indeed? The contrast with smoking policy is remarkable.

Claims that homosexuality is a fixed, innate orientation are incorrect, many thousands of people have found liberty and cleansing from the worst kinds of sin through the Lord Jesus Christ. (See www.exodusglobalalliance.org for example).

'And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.' (1 Corinthians 6.11.)

'For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;' (Romans. 1:20-28.)

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