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WASHINGTON: Men who have been circumcised have a significantly reduced risk of contracting genital herpes or papillomavirus infections, according to data published on Wednesday. The results confirm the benefits of medically supervised male circumcision as previously observed in the case of AIDS. Two clinical trials in Uganda on 3,393 men aged 15 to 49 showed a 35 per cent drop in papillomavirus infections, responsible for most uterine cancer cases. — Agencies