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In the Name of Allaah the most Kind the most Merciful

Shaykh Ibn Uthaymeen (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ)¹ said, "If a child is born with six fingers on each hand it is permissible to amputate the extra finger, but some of the people of knowledge stated that it is forbidden justifying that by the fact that it is feared that a person whose fingers are amputated would die from bleeding, [but] this justification is disproved in the present age, and thus it is permissible to amputate the extra finger. Similarly, if there were extra flesh in the ear or the head or knee, removing it is permissible."²

¹ (رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ) (rahimahullaah) May Allaah the Most High have mercy on him

² Tafseer Soorah Aali-'Imraan, pp. 29-30.

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