



Module 9 : Mutilations génitales féminines

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FGM/C

Excision

Mutilations sexuelles féminines

FGM/MGF

Female genital cutting

Infibulation

Circoncision féminine

Sexe coupé

Female genital modifications



... all procedures that involve the **partial or total removal of external genitalia or other injury to the female genital organs for non-medical reasons**



Consultation “MGF”

- Depuis 2010, 250-300 RDV/an
- >20 origines, surtout corne de l’Afrique
- 40% Chrétiennes, 60% Musulmanes

1) Accueil, prise en charge, chirurgies

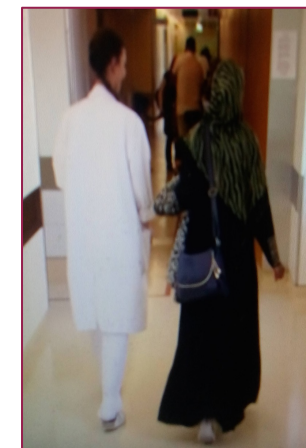
2) Prévention. Information art.124 du Code penal suisse

3) Recherche, divulgation

4) Collaborations inter/multidisciplinaires

5) Formation, sensibilisation

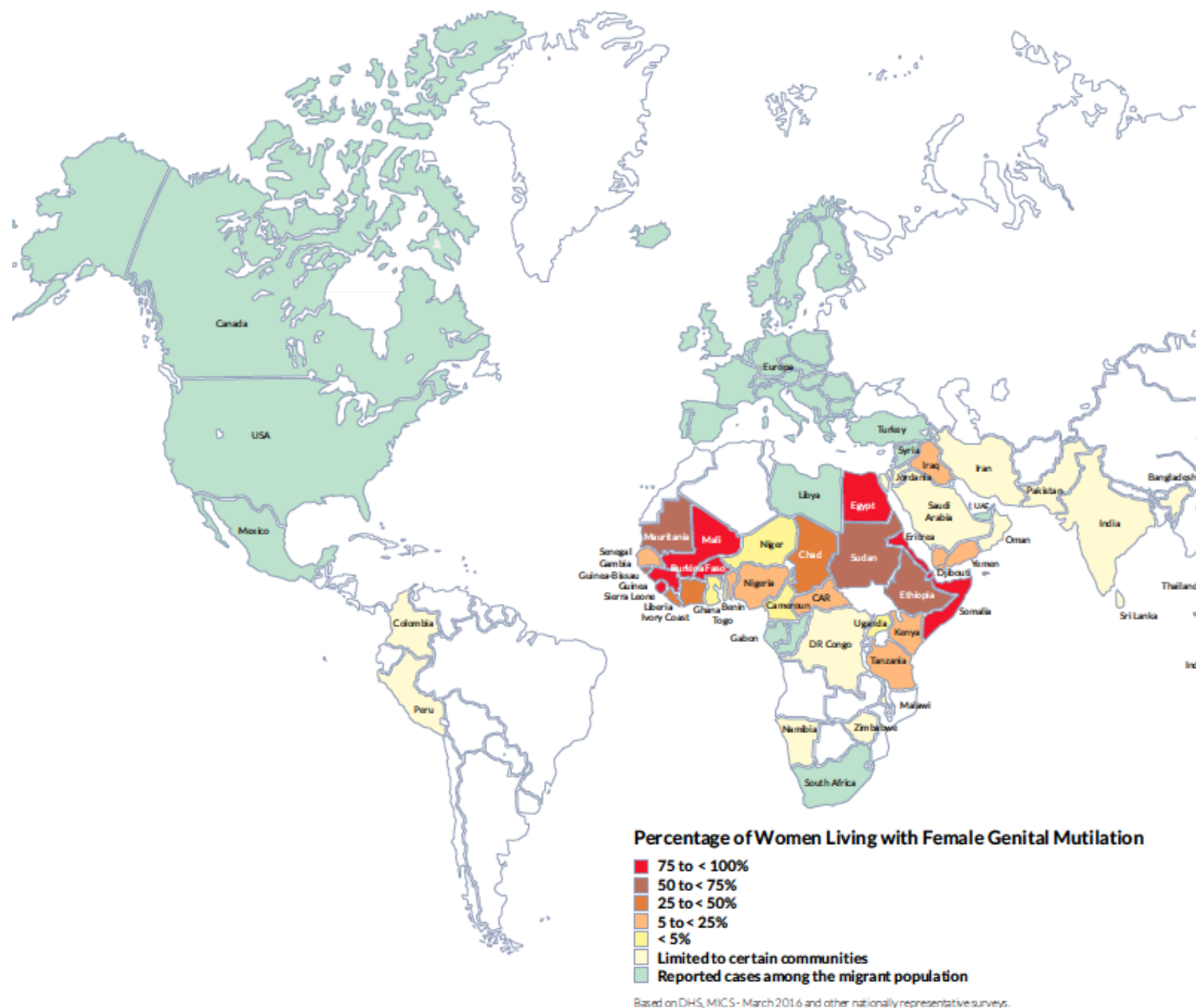
6) Expertises médico-légales, certificats (asile)





- 200 millions de femmes et filles dans plus de 30 pays du monde
- ¼ médicalisation
- 600.000 en Europe
- 513.000 aux USA

PREVALENCE OF FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION IN THE WORLD

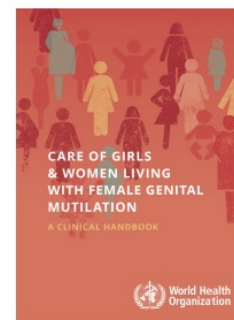




1. Communication : penser à et savoir comment poser la question

- ✓ Vous êtes originaires de.....Venez vous d'une zone où l'excision était pratiquée ou se pratique encore?
- ✓ Savez-vous si vous avez été coupée? Excisée? ...
- ✓ Interprète certifiée
- ✓ Avoir conscience des différences entre groupes ethniques
- ✓ Termes utilisés, regard, langage corporel

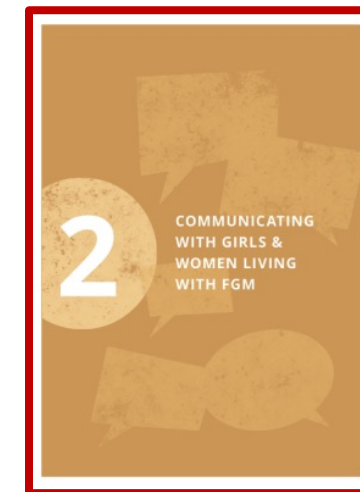
WHO clinical handbook



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PERSON-CENTRED COMMUNICATION FOR FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION PREVENTION A FACILITATOR'S GUIDE FOR TRAINING HEALTH-CARE PROVIDERS

Training aims:

1. to build the knowledge of health-care providers on FGM, including the types of FGM, the associated health consequences, and the legal and ethical aspects of the practice;
2. to explore and clarify their own values and attitudes towards FGM and the medicalization of the practice;
3. to build the knowledge and skills of health-care providers on person-centred communication for the prevention of FGM; and
4. to address the ethical and legal implications of medicalized FGM, and to build the skills of health-care providers to resist requests to do FGM.



Lack of (correct) diagnosis and documentation

CLINICAL ARTICLE

Missed opportunities for diagnosis of female genital mutilation



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Diagnosis of FGM reported in medical files.

Diagnosis and classification	N (%)
Correct classification of FGM	34 (26.4)
Genitalia reported as normal (FGM not mentioned in medical history or vulvar exam)	48 (37.2)
Incorrect classification	28 (21.7)
Incorrect classification or genitalia reported as normal in the same file	19 (14.7)
Total	129 (100.0)



FGM/C= ICD code

Table 2. Examples of FGM/C codes according to ICD national modifications

ICD version	Countries	Code	Diagnosis
ICD-10 2016 (International Version)	For example: UK ¹⁵	Z91.7	Personal History of Female Genital Mutilation
ICD-10-AM (Australia)	Australia, Ireland, Slovenia ¹⁶		
ICD-10-FR (France)	France ¹⁶		
ICD-10-GM (Germany)	Germany, Switzerland, Austria ¹⁶	Z91.7	Personal History of Female Genital Mutilation
		Z91.70	Personal History of Female Genital Mutilation, Type unspecified
		Z91.71	Personal History of Female Genital Mutilation, Type 1
		Z91.72	Personal History of Female Genital Mutilation, Type 2
		Z91.73	Personal History of Female Genital Mutilation, Type 3
		Z91.74	Personal History of Female Genital Mutilation, Type 4
ICD-10-CM (USA)	USA, Belgium, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain ¹⁶	N90.81	Female Genital Mutilation status
		N90.810	Female Genital Mutilation status, unspecified
		N90.811	Female Genital Mutilation Type I status
		N90.812	Female Genital Mutilation Type II status
		N90.813	Female Genital Mutilation Type III status
		N90.818	Other Female Genital Mutilation Status
ICD-9-CM (USA)	Italy ¹⁶	629.2	Female Genital Mutilation status
		629.20	Female Genital Mutilation status, unspecified
		629.21	Female Genital Mutilation Type I status
		629.22	Female Genital Mutilation Type II status
		629.23	Female Genital Mutilation Type III status
		629.29	Other Female Genital Mutilation Status



Toutes spécialités...infectiologues, spécialistes HIV

- Questionnaire entre 6 et 12.2019 à toutes les femmes à partir de 18 ans originaires d'un pays considéré "à risque", HIV positives et suivies dans la Cohorte HIV Suisse
 1. Avez-vous subi une excision pendant votre enfance ?
 2. Si la réponse est oui; avez-vous déjà eu l'occasion d'en discuter avec un professionnel de la santé (médecin, infirmière, etc.) ?
- 583 éligibles sur 6 mois
- 196 (37%): question non administrée

Information about FGM/C among women interviewed about it	N (n tot=387)	% (tot=100%)
I have undergone FGM/C	81	21
I have not undergone FGM/C	287	74
Question administered but not answered	9	2.3
Question administered but not understood	10	2.6



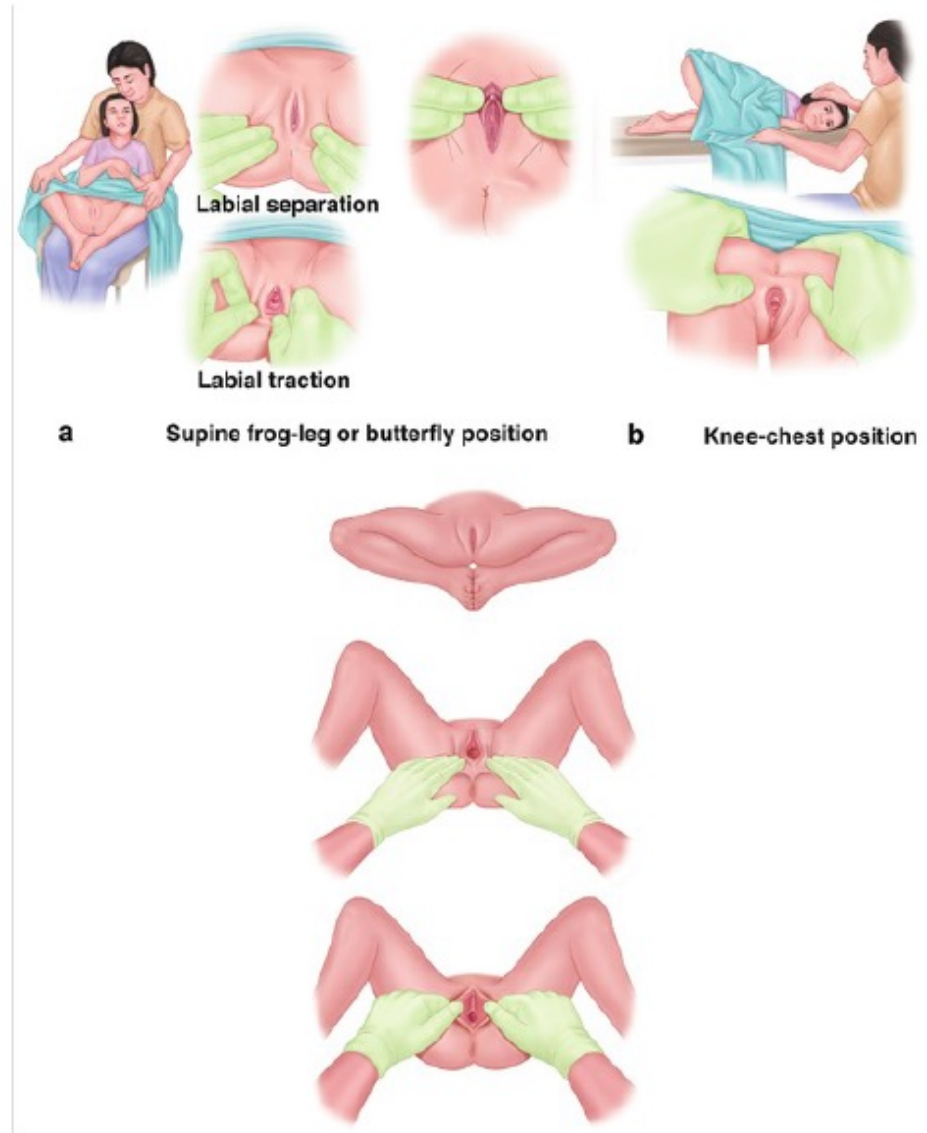
**56/81 (70%) women
had never discussed about
their FGM/C with a
health professional before**

Geographical origin	History of FGM/C
Eastern Africa	52 (64%)
Western Africa	24 (30%)
Middle Africa	3 (4%)
Northern Africa	1 (1%)
Western Europe	1 (1%)
Total	81



2. Examen clinique: connaitre les types et les possibles complications

Fig. 2 Prepubertal examination. (Courtesy of Elise Dubuc)





Evaluation d'une personne excisée

- Immédiatement après l'MGF
- Référée pour l'MGF ou une complication
- Pendant une consultation pour une autre raison



Current Commentary

Female Genital Mutilation

A Visual Reference and Learning Tool for Health Care Professionals

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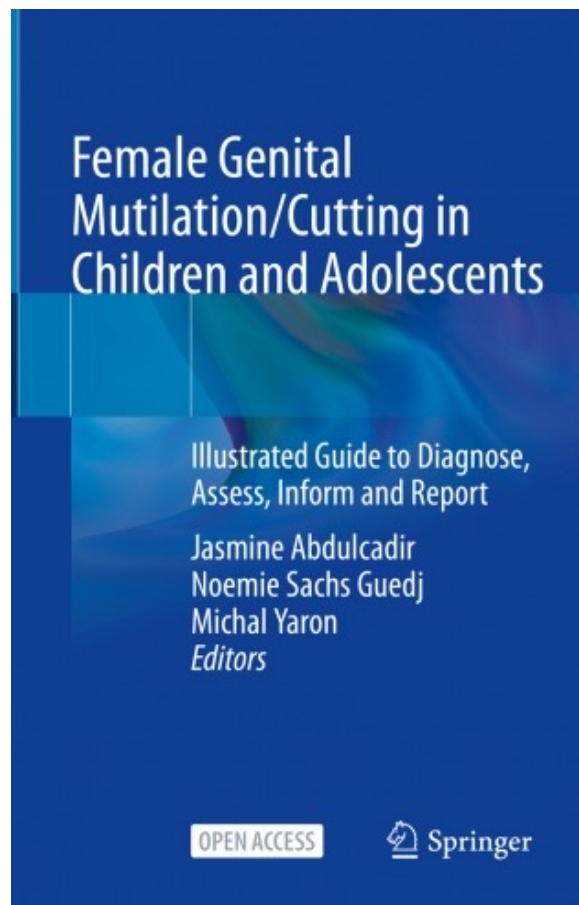
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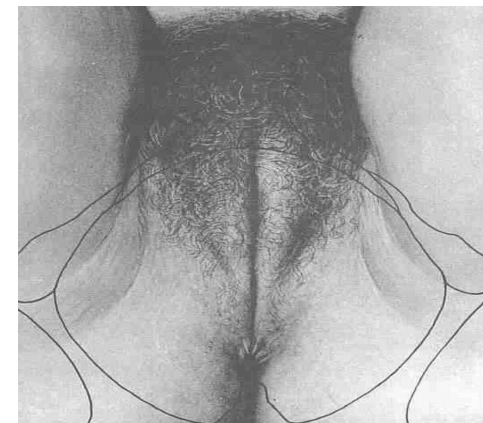
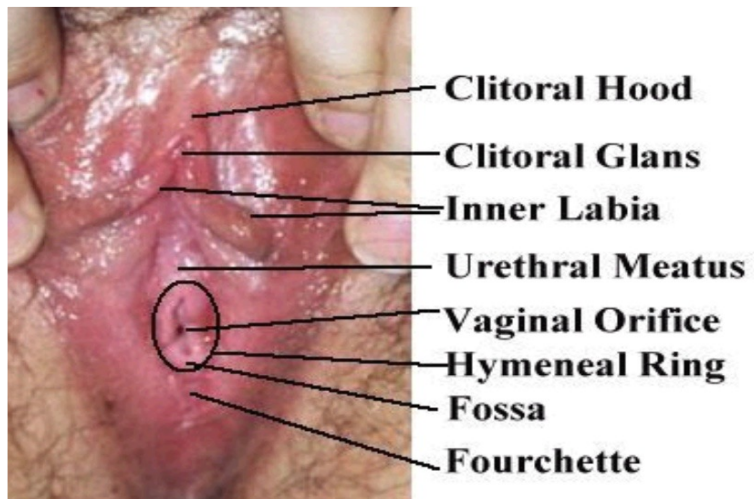
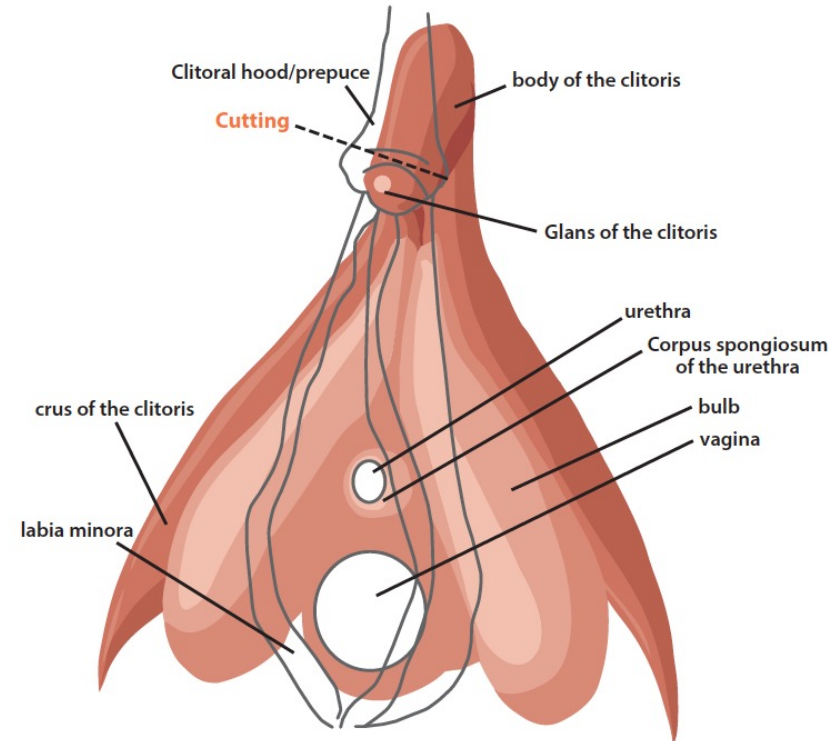
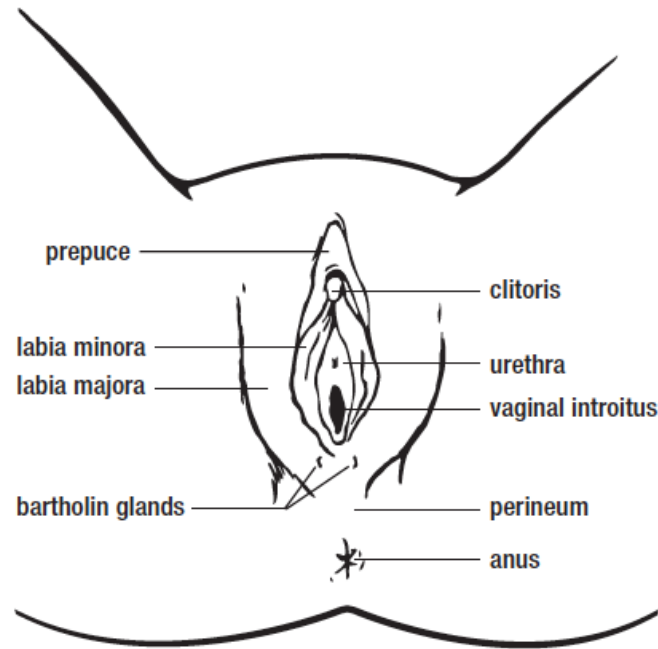
Defibulation: A Visual Reference and Learning Tool



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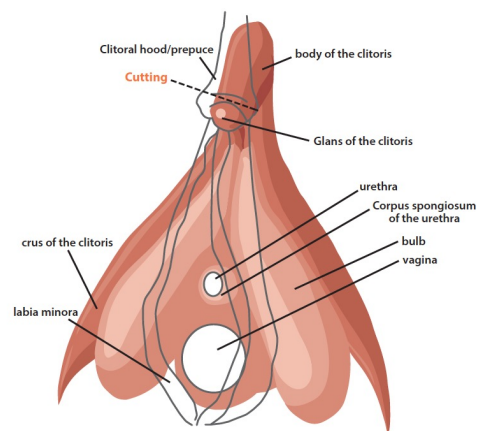
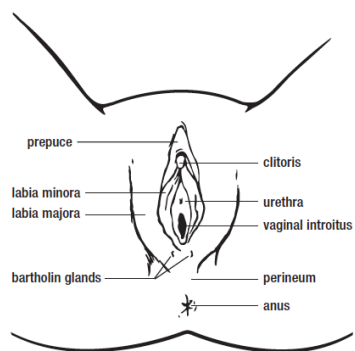
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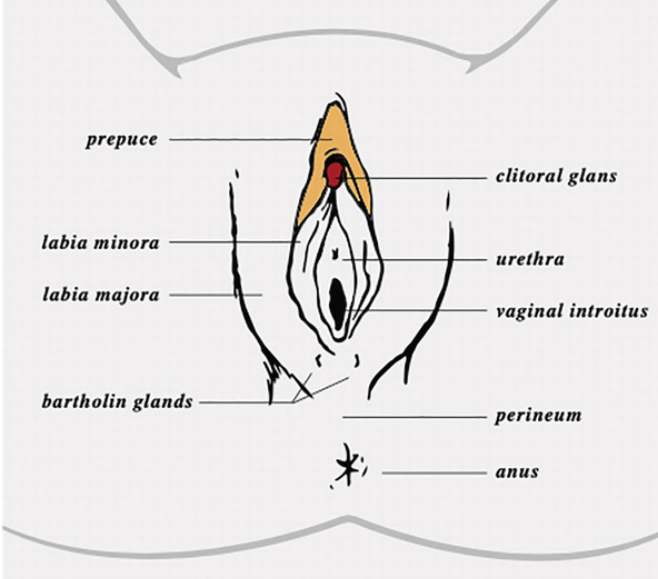




CERTAINES TYPES AFFECTENT LE CLITORIS

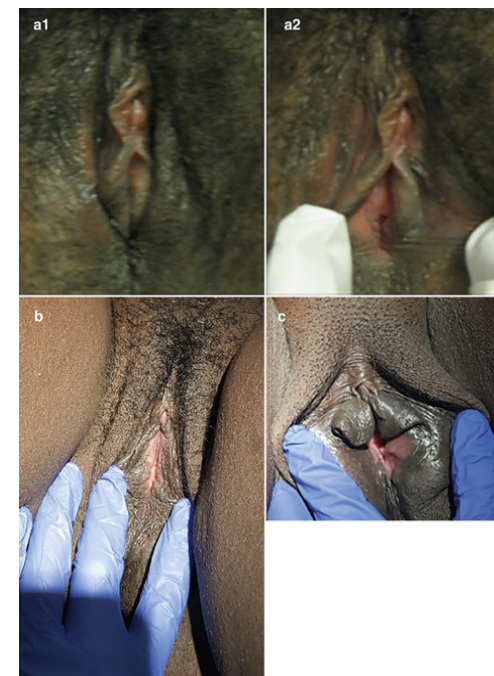
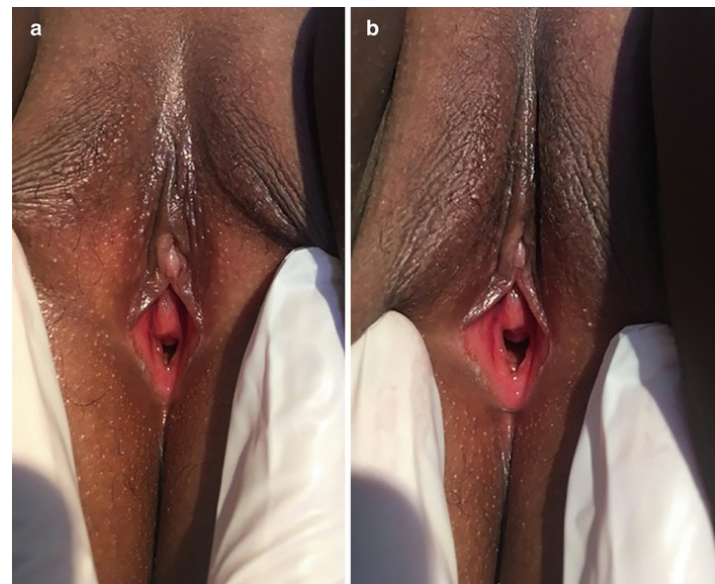


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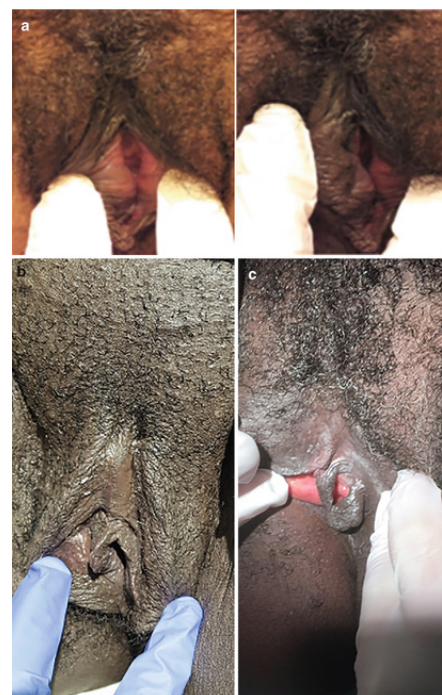


Type Ia: removal of the prepuce/clitoral hood (circumcision)

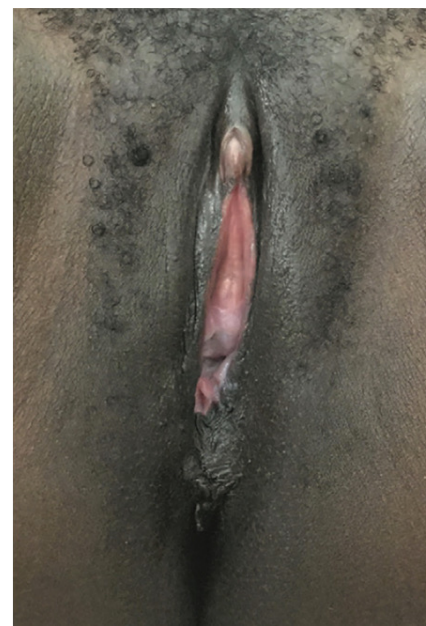
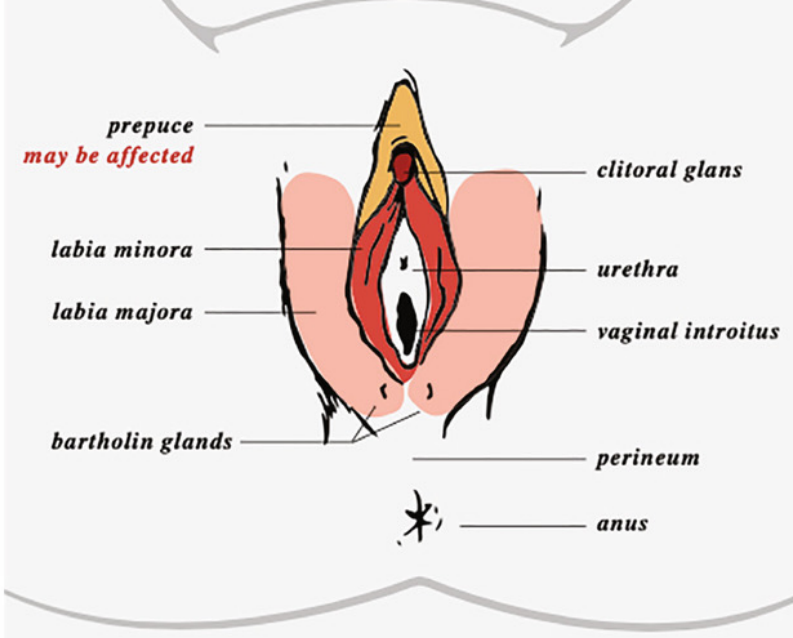
+ Type Ib: removal of the clitoral glans with the prepuce (clitoridectomy)



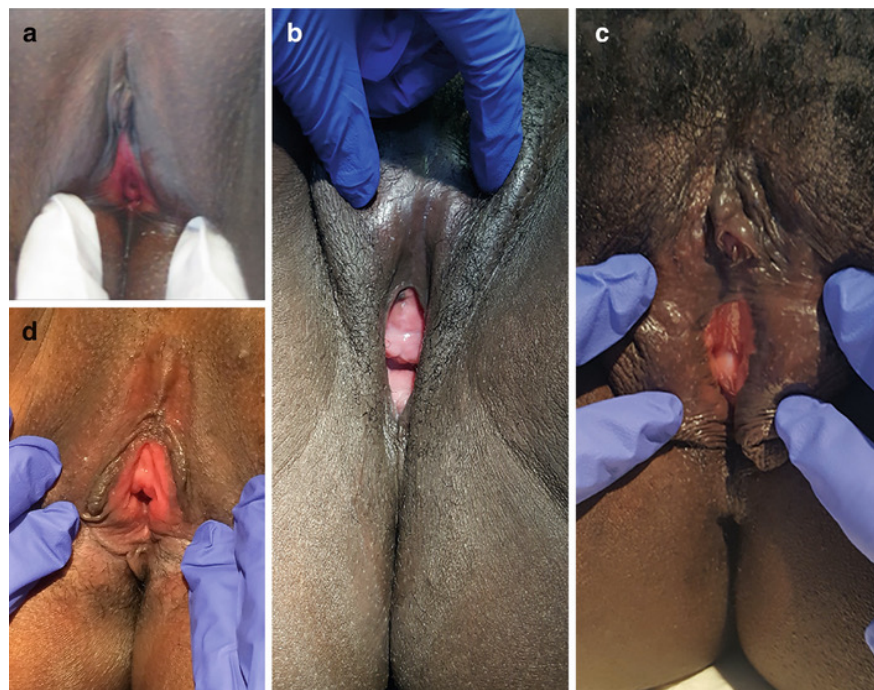
MGF type Ia



MGF type Ib

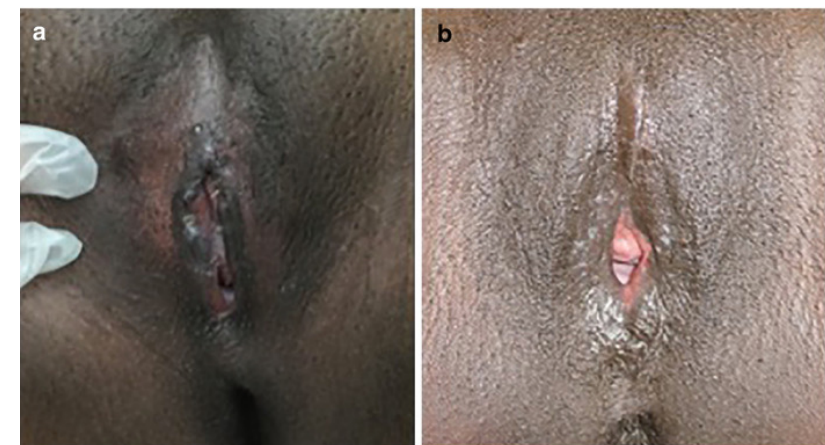


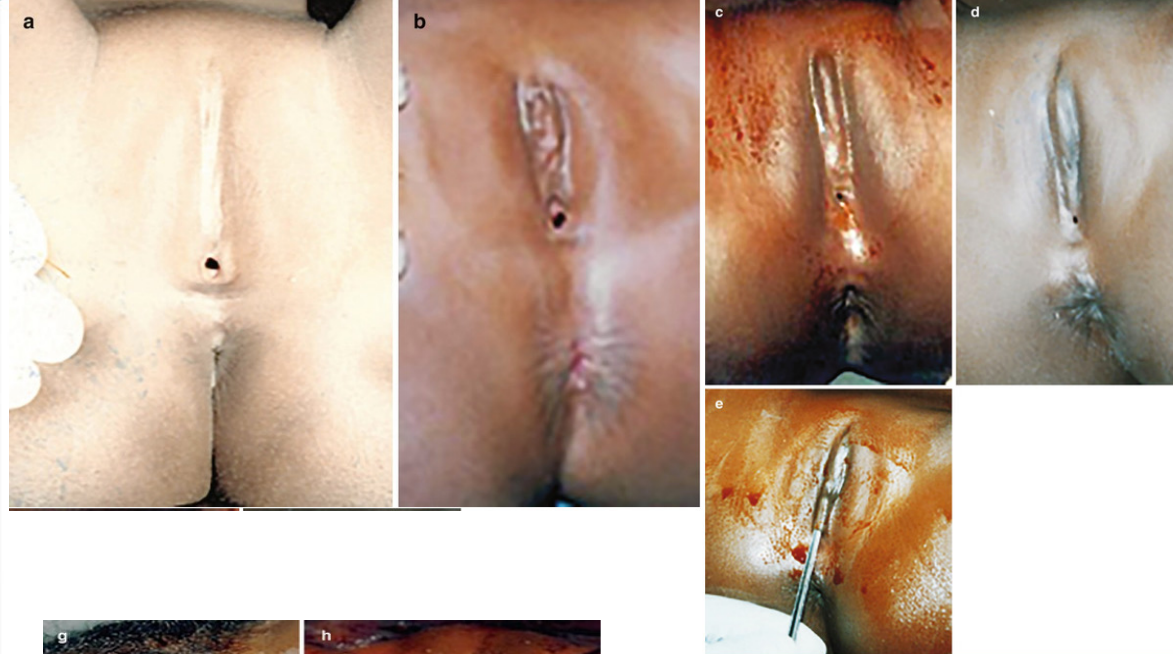
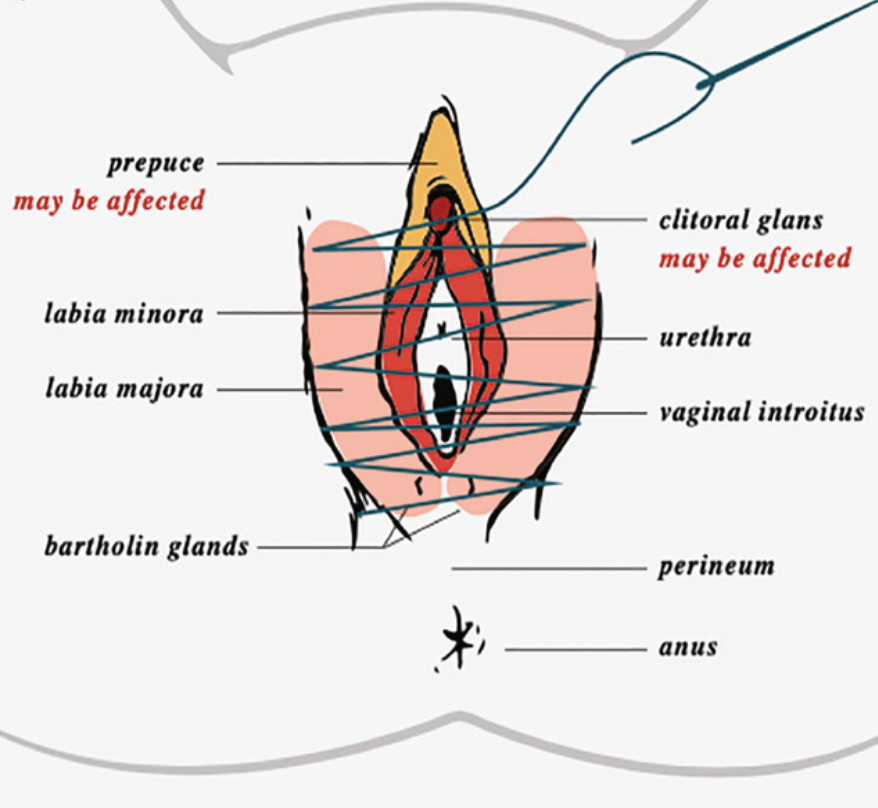
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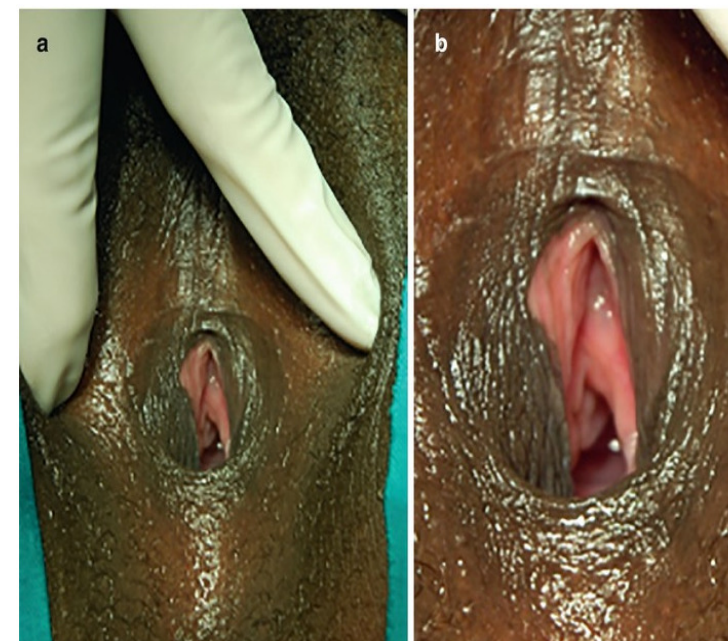
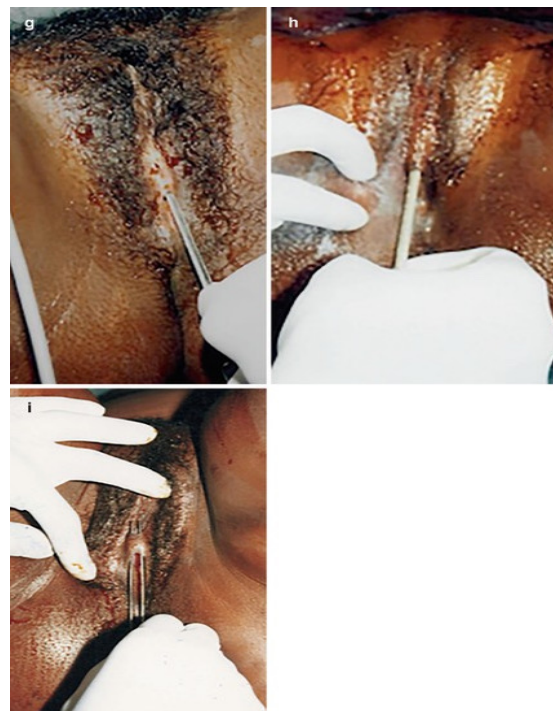
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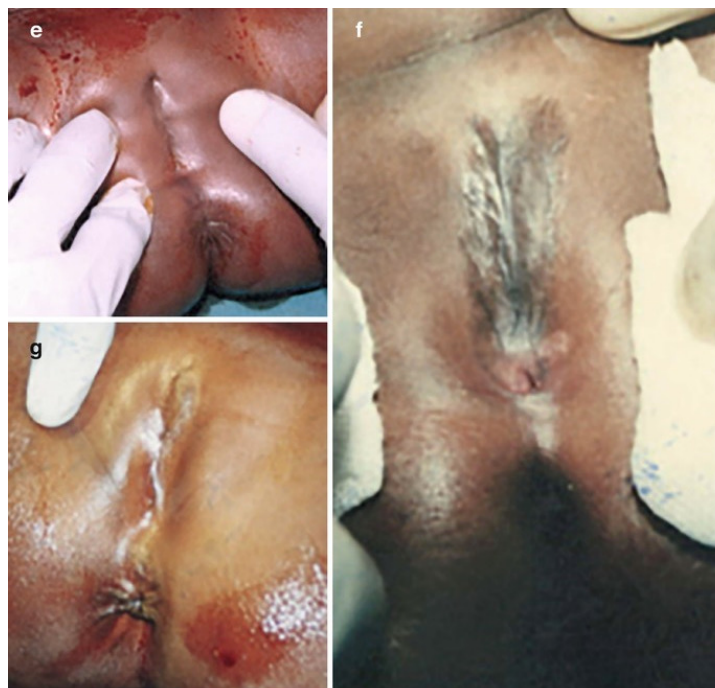
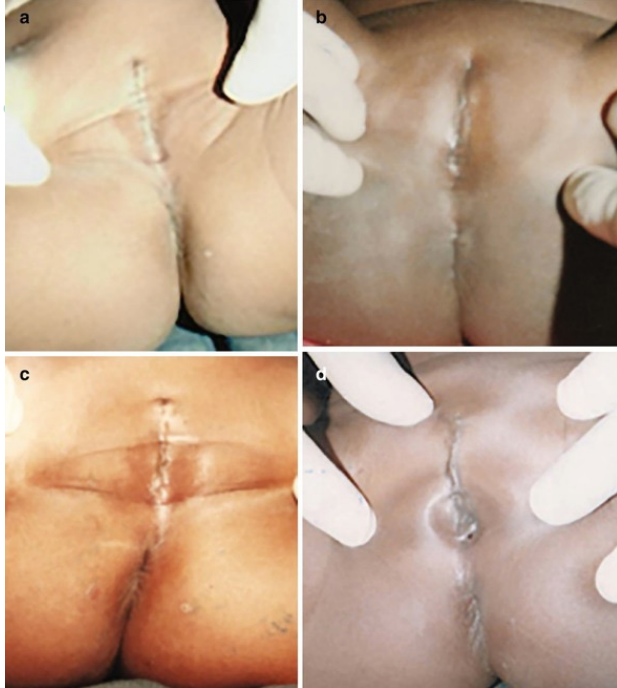
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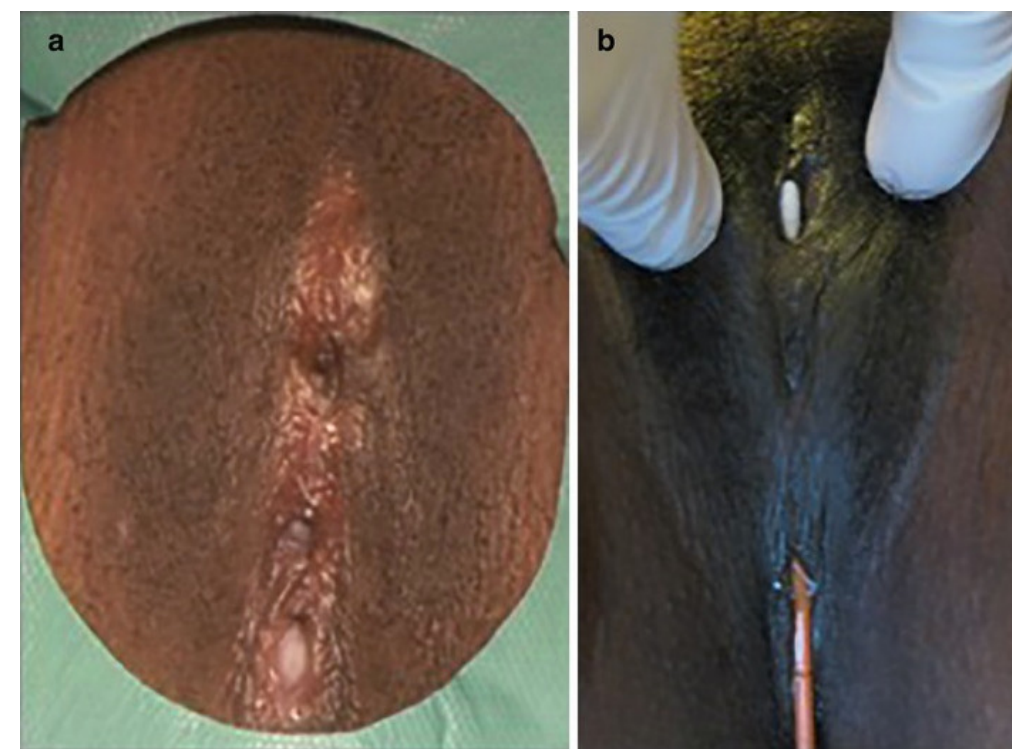


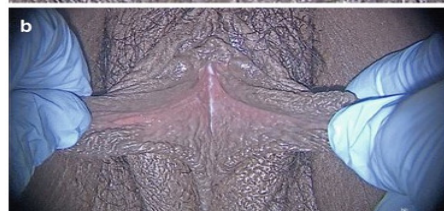
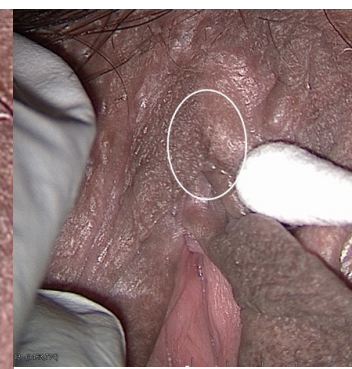
MGF type IIIa





MGF type IIIb





MGF type IV



CONSEQUENCES PSYCHOPHYSIQUES VARIABLES

Immédiates

Tardives

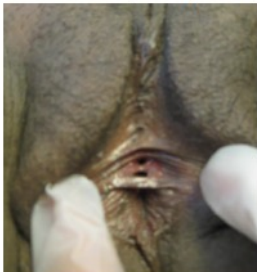
Obstetric complications



Fourchette's recurrent injuries during sex resulting in scar tissue



Obstructed/Rainy micturition



Epidermoid cysts



Neuroma of the clitoris



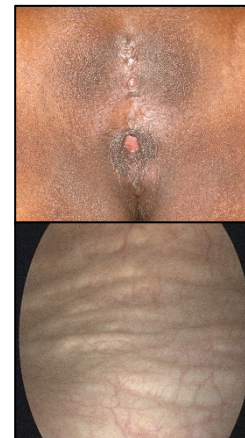
Bridles



Hypertrophic scar/Keloid



Urinary complications



Abdulcadir 2012-2016



A systematic review and meta-analysis of the consequences of female genital mutilation on maternal and perinatal health outcomes in European and African countries

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What are the new findings?

- Delivery settings, individual factors, study design and analytical strategies are important when predicting maternal and perinatal morbidity related to FGM.
- Our subgroup analyses revealed contrasting risks according to context, with elevated risks of episiotomy in Europe versus elevated risks of postpartum haemorrhage in Africa, and increased risks of caesarean section among primiparous women.

Results We identified 106 unique references, assessed 72 full-text articles and included 11 studies. We found non-significant elevated risks of instrumental delivery, caesarean delivery, episiotomy, postpartum haemorrhage, perineal laceration, low Apgar score and miscarriage/stillbirth related to FGM. Heterogeneity was present for most outcomes when combining all studies but reduced in subgroup analyses. The risk of caesarean delivery was increased among primiparous women (1.79, 95% CI 1.04 to 3.07) such as the risk of episiotomy in European specialised settings for women with FGM (1.88, 1.14 to 3.09). In Africa, subgroup analyses revealed elevated risks of postpartum haemorrhage (2.59, 1.28 to 5.25). The most common reported type was FGM II. However, few studies provided stratified analyses by type of FGM, which did not allow an assessment of the impact of the severity of typology on studied outcomes.



DIVERSES CONSEQUENCES A LONG TERME, DOULEURS

FACTEURS BIOLOGIQUES

1. MGF type III

- Dyspareunie, pénétration difficile
- Infections génito-urinaires récurrentes (PID)
- Complications urinaires (par ex. OAB)
- Fissures, cicatrices commissure postérieure
- Ré-infibulation



2. BRIDES/ADHERENCES/PHIMOSIS du CLITORIS

- Dyspareunie
- Clitorodynie
- Douleurs lors de certains mouvements

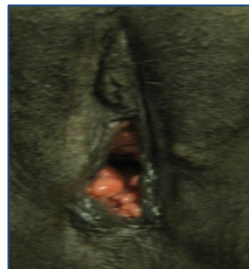


3. KYSTES

- Épidermoïde
- Mullerienne
- Névrome
- Granulomes



4. TRAUMA OBST



FACTEURS PSYCHOLOGIQUES

1. TRAUMA, PTSD

2. ANXIETE

3. DEPRESSION

4. AUTRES EVENEMENTS

TRAUMATIQUES

Guerre, viol, mariage forcé/d'enfants, migration, conséquences psychologiques et physiques, pertes

FACTEURS SOCIOCULTURELS ET RELATIONNELS:

- DOULEUR DANS LE CONTEXTE MIGRATOIRE
- MIGRATION
- PARTNER(S)

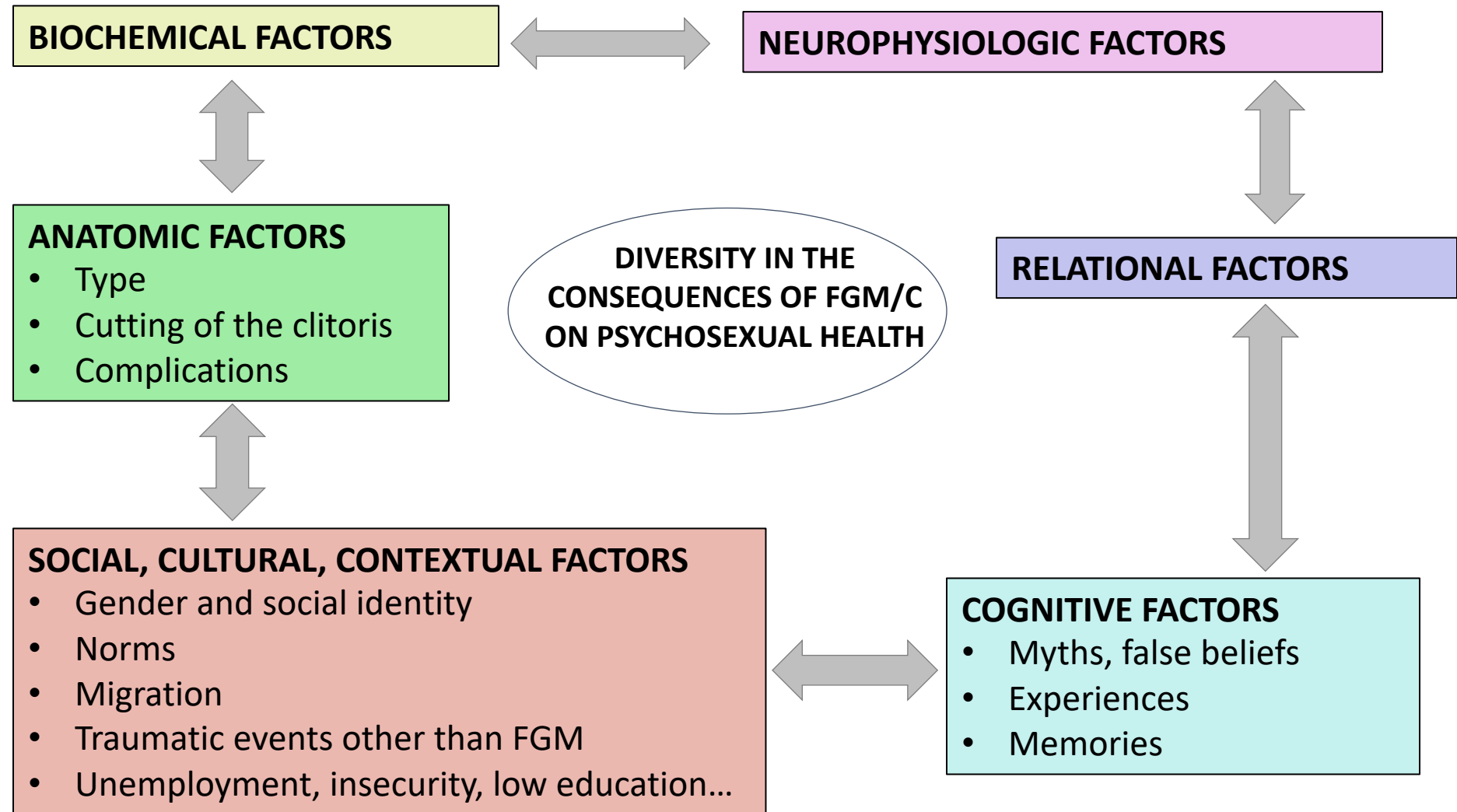
GPPD/ vaginisme

Hypertonie périnéale

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- Bazzoun Y, Aerts L, Abdulcadir J. Chronic vulvar pain after Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: a retrospective study. 2021 Sexual Medicine. Accepted



FGM/C and PSYCHOSEXUAL HEALTH





FACTEURS PSYCHOLOGIQUES

BMJ Global Health

Is female genital mutilation/cutting associated with adverse mental health consequences? A systematic review of the evidence

BMJ

Abdalla SM, Galea S. *BMJ Global Health* 2019;4:e001553. doi:10.1136/bmjgh-2019-001553

“...A considerable number of women are capable of coping with most impediments and may regard the ritual as ‘normal’ and not sickening...”

“Diversity in interpreting the events and the level of remembrance as crucial for experiencing psychopathology”

Knipsher 2015

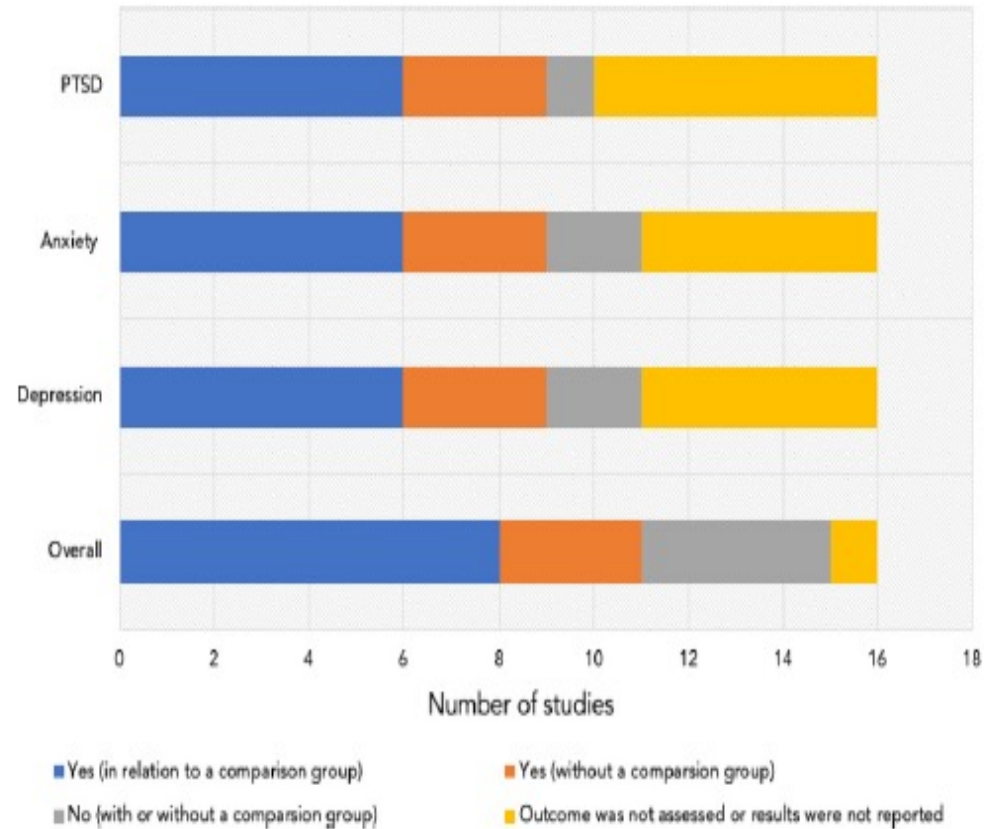


Figure 3 Overview of studies examining the association between FGM/C and adverse mental health outcomes. FGM/C, female genital mutilation/cutting; PTSD, post-traumatic stress disorder.



Other past traumatic events

Table 1 Sociodemographic and background information

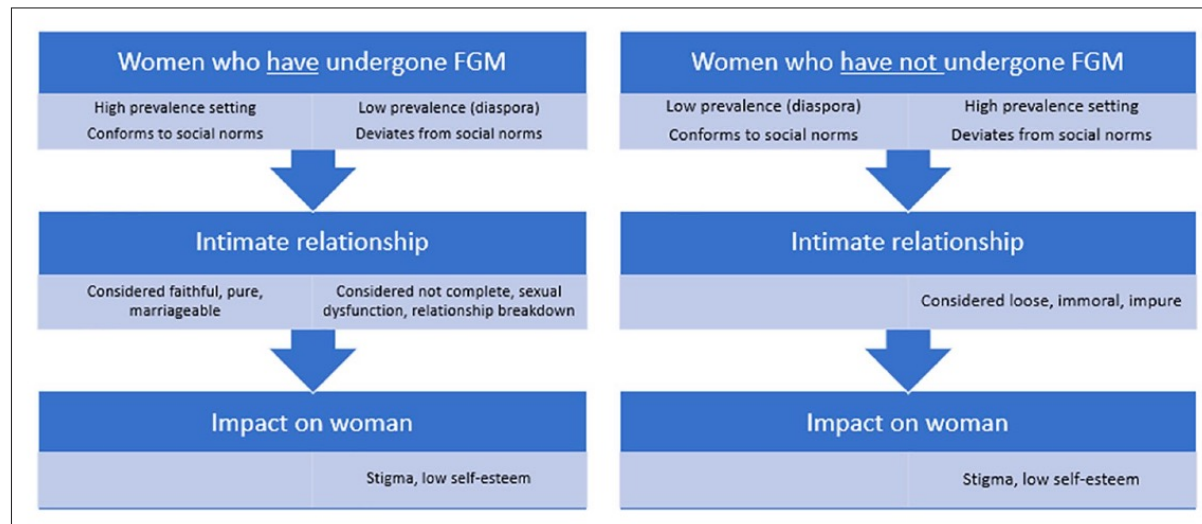
Variable	n (%)	n=124
Past violent events		
Physical	5 (4.0)	
Psychological	10 (8.1)	
Sexual	4 (3.2)	
Several (psychological/physical/sexual)	37 (29.9)	
None	64 (51.6)	
No answer	4 (3.2)	

Past violent events other than FGM/C and forced or arranged marriage, age at FGM/C of more than 10, a period of staying in Switzerland of less than 6 months, and nulliparity were significantly associated with higher scores for distress and impact of pelvic floor symptoms, independently of known risk factors such as age, weight, ongoing pregnancy and history of episiotomy.



FACTEURS SOCIOCULTURELS

- > 30 PAYS
- Education et attitude sur MGF/beauté/fidélité/mariabilité...religions, cultures, langues....
- Mythes, normes, croyances, tabous
- Migration. Acculturation. Mariages inter-ethniques



O'Neill S, Pallitto C. The Consequences of Female Genital Mutilation on Psycho-Social Well-Being: A Systematic Review of Qualitative Research. 2021 Qualitative Health Research

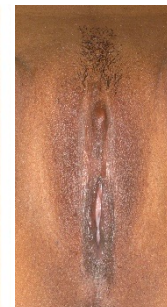
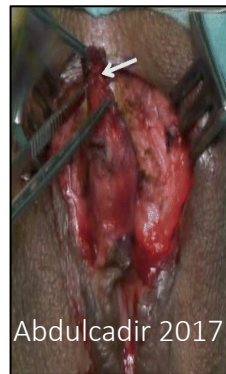
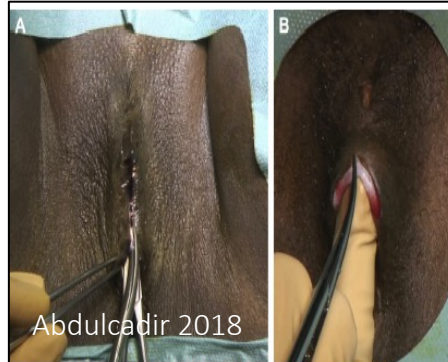
Figure 3. FGM status can affect women differently in high prevalence versus diaspora settings.



3. TRAITEMENTS

CHIRURGICAUX

- Désinfibulation
- Chirurgie d'autres complications:
kystes, phimosis, brides...
- Reconstruction du clitoris



NON CHIRURGICAUX

- **Information/Education**
- Physiothérapie
- Thérapie psychosexuelle
- Prise en charge d'autres traumatismes
- CBT
- Thérapie de couple



Defibulation: a visual reference and learning tool

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9UWBmDBzac>



INSTAURER LE DIALOGUE SUR LA DÉSINFIBULATION

En partenariat avec le SPF Santé publique et l'Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), le GAMS Belgique a publié une vidéo informative, traduite en 9 langues, pour permettre d'informer et de rassurer les personnes qui vivent avec une mutilation génitale féminine (MGF) de type «infibulation» à propos de la désinfibulation.

- > Pourquoi se faire désinfibuler ?
- > Quand le faire ?
- > Comment ça se déroule ?
- > Quels sont les soins post-opératoires ?
- > Quels sont les changements auxquels il faut s'attendre au niveau du corps ?

L'infibulation, ou MGF de type III selon le classement de l'Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS), est caractérisée par le rétrécissement de l'orifice vaginal avec recouvrement par l'ablation et l'accolement des petites lèvres et/ou des grandes lèvres, avec ou sans excision du clitoris. Cette forme de MGF peut entraîner des complications physiques ou psychologiques chez la personne qui l'a subie. Infections, douleurs, et difficultés lors de l'accouchement font partie des conséquences les plus courantes.

La désinfibulation est une opération qui permet de réduire ces problèmes de santé. La décision de cette intervention doit cependant être prise par les personnes concernées en pleine connaissance de cause. Cette vidéo a donc pour objectif d'aider le personnel soignant à informer et sensibiliser.

Cet outil a pour objectif de réduire l'anxiété des personnes concernées en améliorant leur compréhension de l'intervention et en obtenant leur adhésion au traitement.

Ce sera également un outil de qualité à destination du personnel soignant responsable de la prise en charge des mutilations génitales féminines.

La vidéo est disponible en 9 langues : français, néerlandais, anglais, arabe, tigrinya, amharique, peul, somali et afar. Des sous-titres en français, anglais, néerlandais et allemand sont disponibles. Elle a été réalisée par Studio Boniato en collaboration avec The Ink Link, et co-construite avec les femmes concernées et les intervenant·e·s de santé.



LA RECONSTRUCTION DU CLITORIS EST UNE RÉEXPOSITION

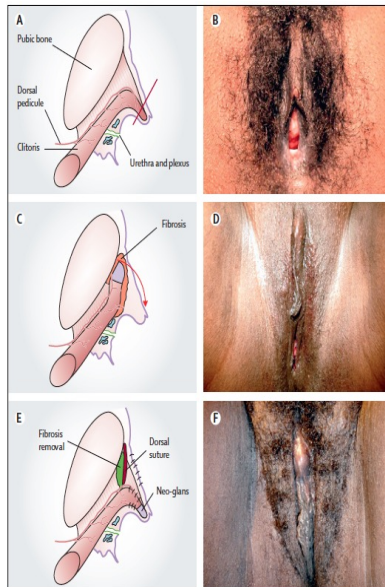


Figure 4 Aspect anatomique du clitoris à 6 mois (pigmentation incomplète).
Anatomical aspect of the clitoris to 6 months (incomplete pigmentation).

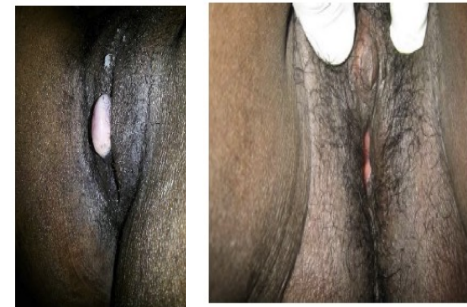


Figure 5 Aspect anatomique du clitoris à 12 mois (pigmentation complète).
Anatomical aspect of the clitoris to 12 months (complete pigmentation).

Ouedraogo et al. 2017



Figure 2. (A) Wide release of the superficial scar tissue and/or webbing between the labia majora in a circumferential manner around the clitoris was performed to allow for visualization of the urethral meatus. The dissection proceeded from superficial to deep until the entire residual palpable clitoris was released down to the pubic bone. (B) The labia majora were rolled medially and sutured to the perineum in a two-layer fashion using 3-0 PDS and 4-0 chromic sutures.

Chang et al. 2017
Christopher 2021

Botter et al. 2021

Foldès 2004-2012



Fig. 3. A and B. Clitoris in its anatomic position. Illustration by Minés Casimiro and David Moreno Alfaro. Used with permission.
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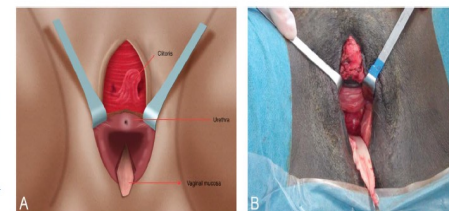
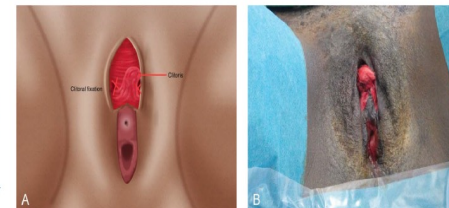


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'I want what every other woman has': reasons for wanting clitoral reconstructive surgery after female genital cutting – a qualitative study from Sweden

CULTURE, HEALTH & SEXUALITY
<https://doi.org/10.1080/13691058.2018.1510980>

Malin Jordal, Gabriele Griffin & Hannes Sigurjonsson

- Qualitative study
- **N = 17, 19-56 yo**
- **≥10 years in Sweden**

5 themes:

- 1. Symbolic restitution: undo the FGM/C**
- 2. Repair of visible stigma**
- 3. Improved sexual response and intimacy through physical, psychological and symbolic repair**
- 4. Personal project, feeling of hope**
- 5. Pain treatment**

Reconstructing Sexuality after Excision: The Medical Tools

MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Michela Villani

<https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2019.1665670>

- Qualitative study
- **N = 108 records**
- **France**

• Dimensions of the reconstruction:

- 1. SYMBOLIC:** Well-being - Rehabilitation of the clitoris. Feeling "normal" and "paid back" from betrayal / violence / rage
- 2. SEXUAL:** Sexuality - Reeducation to touch oneself, adaptation to new sensations / feelings, living sexuality differently (pleasure and desire)
- 3. IDENTITY:** Identity, self-esteem, body image. Abandon a "stigma / handicap"
- 4. PHYSIO-PATHOLOGY:** Pain - Physical reconstruction



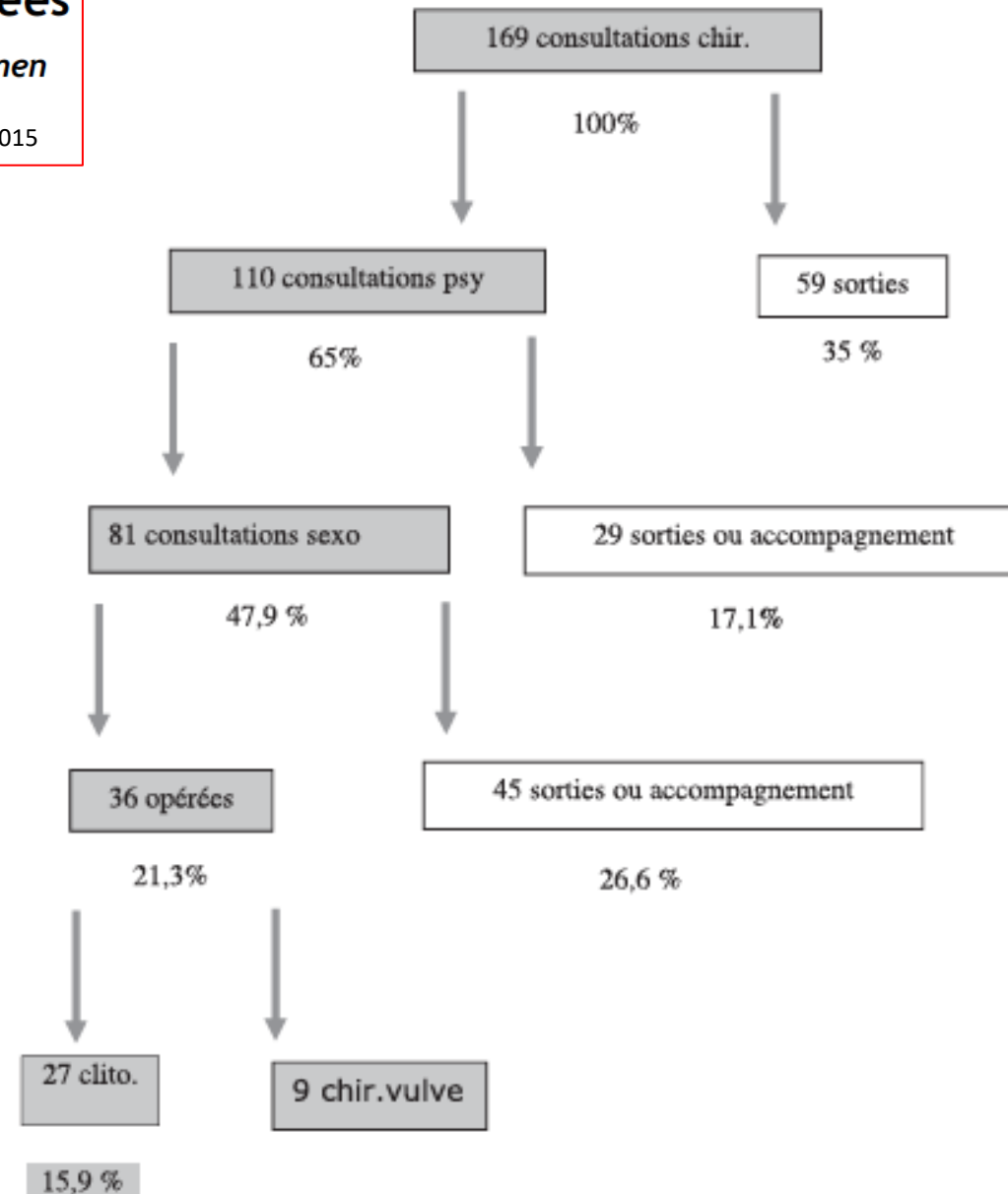
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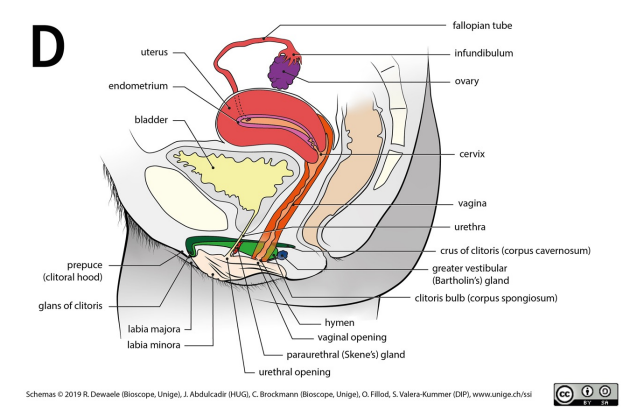
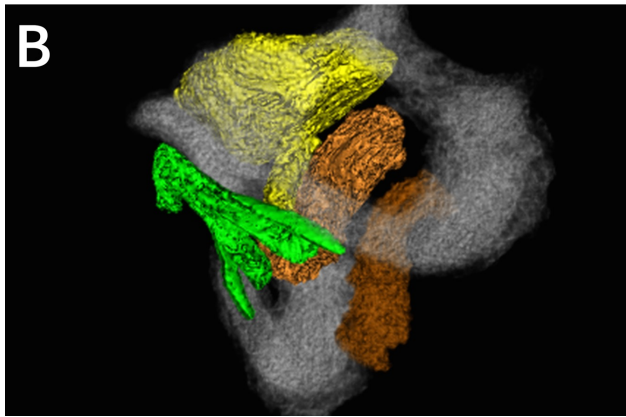
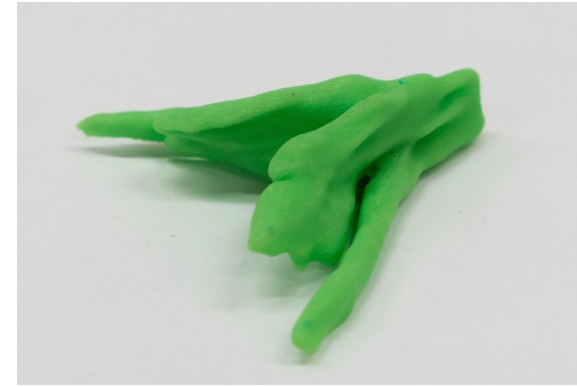
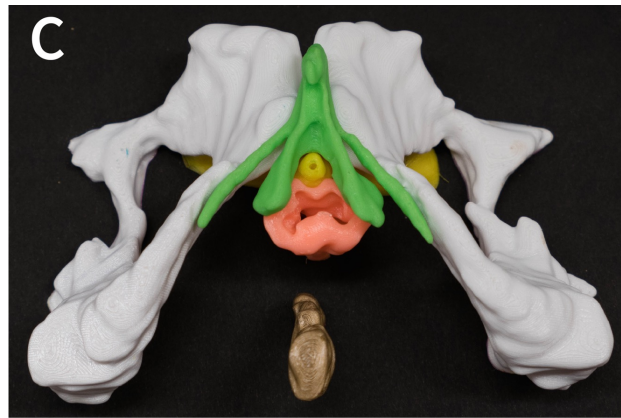
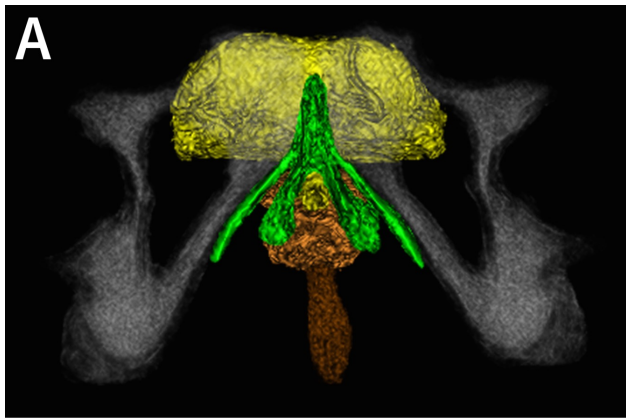
Benefits of multidisciplinary care for excised women

E. Antonetti Ndiaye*, S. Fall, L. Beltran

2015

- PRISE EN CHARGE MULTIDISCIPLINAIRES
- **Chirurgie: 27/169 (15.9%)**
- Dépistage d'autres traumatismes: 82/110, surtout de nature sexuelle (61 mariages forcés, 52 viol pdt l'enfance, autres: abuse / war / political violence)







Pleasure, womanhood and the desire for reconstructive surgery after female genital cutting in Belgium

<https://doi.org/10.1080/13648470.2021.1994332>

Sarah O'Neill, Fabienne Richard, Cendrine Vanderhoven & Martin Caillet

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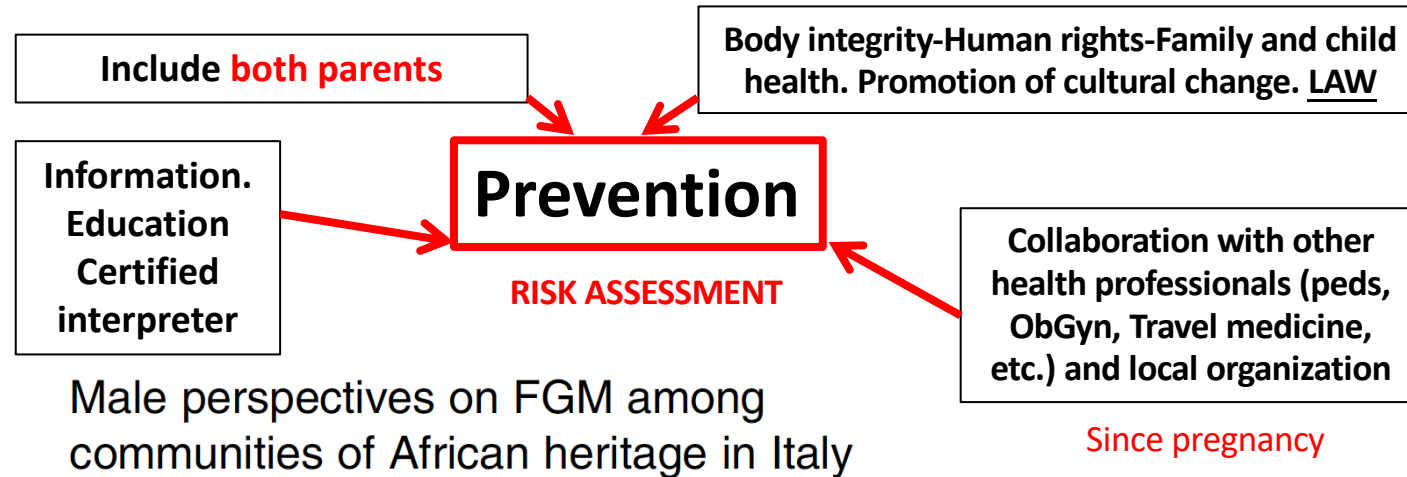


“I think that I am not normal, not like other women. I have pleasure during sex and enjoy it very much but there is something missing. In the gaze of others there is always something missing.”

NEED OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY (PSYCHOSEXUAL) CARE



4. Prévenir et protéger



Lucrezia Catania, Rosaria Mastrullo, Angela Caselli, Rosa Cecere, Omar Abdulcadir and Jasmine Abdulcadir

Table III Attitude toward FGM/C

Country	In favor	Contrary	n
Benin	0	5	5
Egypt	5	1	6
Eritrea	1	7	8
Ethiopia	0	4	4
Nigeria	3	4	7
Somalia	6	6	12
Total	15	27	42

Note: Out of 50 men, eight did not express any attitude





EN CONCLUSION

1. **Aborder** le sujet de manière respectueuse, culturellement informée, **compétente et professionnelle**
2. **Reconnaitre** les types et les éventuelles complications
3. **Prendre en charge** avec les traitements adéquats (multidisciplinarité) et une correcte **information**
4. **Prévenir et protéger** en cas de risque