

**Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices among key caregivers:
a French national survey.**

Questionnaire

1. What is your profession? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ Social work student
- ☐ Nursing student
- ☐ Psychology student
- ☐ Midwifery student
- ☐ Gynecologist/obstetrician or medical gynecologist
- ☐ Doctor of other specialties
- ☐ Social worker
- ☐ Nurse
- ☐ Psychologist
- ☐ Midwife
- ☐ Health mediator
- ☐ Sexologist (main activity)
- ☐ Other (please specify), open answer: ...

If the answer to the question "What is your profession?" is "Doctor of other specialties," the following question appears:

1.1 Please specify your specialty: (Only one option possible)

Answer this question only if the following condition is met:

The response to question 1 "What is your profession?" was "Doctor of other specialties".

- ☐ Anaesthesiologists
- ☐ Infectious disease specialist
- ☐ Public health doctor
- ☐ General practitioner
- ☐ Pediatrician
- ☐ Psychiatrist
- ☐ Emergency physician
- ☐ Other (please specify), open answer: ...

If the answer to the question "What is your profession?" is "Doctor of other specialties" or "Gynecologist/obstetrician or medical gynecologist," the following question appears:

1.2 Please specify your status: (Only one option possible)

- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Medical doctor

If the answer to the question "Please specify your status" is "Resident," the following question appears:

1.2.1 At what level? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ First year of residency
- ☐ Second, third, or fourth year of residency
- ☐ Fifth or sixth year of residency

If the answer to the question "Please specify your status" is "Medical doctor," the following question appears:

1.2.2 Have you been qualified for more than 2 years? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

2. In which department(s) do you work? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ Antenatal consultation
- ☐ Delivery room
- ☐ Postpartum care
- ☐ Birth center
- ☐ Pediatrics department
- ☐ Internal medicine department
- ☐ Surgery department
- ☐ Travel medicine department/Travel clinic
- ☐ Medical center
- ☐ Family planning center/Women's health center
- ☐ Asylum seeker centres (Fedasil, Red Cross, Caritas, ...)
- ☐ Infectious diseases and/or tropical medicine department

- ☐ Sexual health screening centre (CeGIDD)
- ☐ Tuberculosis center (Centre de Lutte contre la Tuberculose)
- ☐ Free medical centres (Permanence d'Accès Aux Soins de Santé)
- ☐ Non-governmental organization (NGO)/Non-profit organisations
- ☐ Other (please specify), open answer: ...

Socio-demographic information

3. You are? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ A man
- ☐ A woman
- ☐ Other

4. How old are you? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ 20-39 years
- ☐ 40-54 years
- ☐ 55 years or older

5. How many years have you been practicing this profession? (In years)

Open answer: ...

6. In which region do you practice? (Postal code)

Open answer: ...

Professional practice

7. Have you ever heard of FGM/C (from any source)? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ I'm not sure

If the answer to the question "Have you ever heard of FGM/C (from any source)?" is "Yes," the following question appears:

7.1 On which occasion(s)? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ Training during basic curriculum (university)
- ☐ Post-university training like university degree

- ☐ Clinical situation encountered in my practice within the service where I work
- ☐ Medical staff meetings (case reviews)
- ☐ Continuing education
- ☐ Publications in a scientific journal
- ☐ From a woman or girl I have cared for
- ☐ Media (TV, radio, podcast, film, etc.)
- ☐ Social networks
- ☐ Personal informations
- ☐ I don't remember
- ☐ Other (please specify), open answer: ...

If the answer to the question "On which occasion(s)?" is "Continuing education," two questions appear:

7.1.1 What type(s) of training: (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ Mooc, e-learning
- ☐ In-person sessions
- ☐ Conferences
- ☐ Continuing medical education (accredited)
- ☐ Other (please specify), open answer: ...

7.1.2 By which organization?

Open answer: ...

8. Have you ever cared for a woman or girl who has undergone FGM/C? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ I'm not sure

If the answer to the question "Have you ever cared for a woman or girl who has undergone FGM/C?" is "Yes," the following question appears:

8.1 If yes, how many times in the past 12 months (approximately)? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1 to 5

- ☐ 6 to 10
- ☐ Between 11 and 49
- ☐ More than 50
- ☐ Difficult to estimate

9. Have you ever cared for a woman or girl at risk of undergoing FGM/C? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ I'm not sure

If the answer to the question "Have you ever cared for a woman or girl at risk of undergoing FGM/C?" is "Yes," the following question appears:

9.1 If yes, how many times in the past 12 months (approximately)? (Only one option possible)

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- ☐ Between 11 and 49
- ☐ More than 50
- ☐ Difficult to estimate

If the answer to the question "What is your profession?" is "Midwifery student," "Midwife," or "Gynecologist/obstetrician or medical gynecologist," two questions appear:

10. Have you ever been asked to perform FGM/C on a minor girl? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ No, never
- ☐ Yes, very rarely (once or twice)
- ☐ Yes, more often (more than twice)

11. Have you ever been asked to perform re-infibulation after childbirth? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ No, never
- ☐ Yes, very rarely (once or twice)
- ☐ Yes, more often (more than twice)

Knowledge and training

12. According to you, how many women living in France have undergone FGM/C (approximately)? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ Less than 60,000
- ☐ 60,000
- ☐ 120,000
- ☐ 450,000
- ☐ 980,000
- ☐ More than 980,000
- ☐ I don't know

13. The WHO has described several types of Female Genital Mutilation/cutting (FGM/C). How many do you know?

Open answer: ...

13.1 Name and briefly describe the different types of FGM/C defined by the WHO (use one line per type). Open answer:

Answer this question only if the following condition is met:

The response to question 13 "The WHO has described several types of FGM/C. How many do you know?" was "1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6".

- a.....
- b.....
- c.....
- d.....
- e.....

If the answer to the question "What is your profession?" is "Doctor of other specialties," "Midwife," "Midwifery student," "Sexologist (main activity)," "Nursing student," "Nurse," or "Gynecologist/obstetrician or medical gynecologist," the following question appears:

14. Do you feel able to recognize the different types of FGM/C according to the WHO classification during a clinical examination? (Only one option possible)

- ☐ Almost always
- ☐ With more or less certainty
- ☐ With little certainty

- ☐ Not at all
- ☐ I don't know, I have never had the opportunity to perform such an examination

15. Do you address the topic of FGM/C in your practice? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ No, never
- ☐ Yes, but only if the woman/family mentions it first
- ☐ Yes, but only if I suspect a risk of FGM/C in the child
- ☐ Yes, systematically when a woman or girl is from a country that practices (or is likely to practice) FGM/C
- ☐ Yes, systematically unless the woman is accompanied by relatives
- ☐ Yes, for another reason (please specify), open answer: ...

If the answer to the question "Do you address the topic of FGM/C in your practice?" is "Yes, (...)" the following question appears:

15.1 If yes, how do you address the topic during the consultation? (Multiple answers possible)

- ☐ I use a map showing the prevalence of FGM/C by country
- ☐ I provide flyers or information booklets
- ☐ I show her drawings of the different types of FGM/C and ask if she knows her type of FGM/C
- ☐ I use tools like a silicone vulva
- ☐ I ask for help from a colleague
- ☐ I arrange a moment alone with the woman by asking the children, husband, or other relatives to leave if necessary
- ☐ I bring up the subject spontaneously and provide addresses for referral if the woman wishes
- ☐ I ask if she knows the law in France on the subject
- ☐ Other (please specify), open answer: ...

16. What are the risk factors for FGM/C to identify during a consultation in the presence of one or both parents and a young girl? (Multiple responses possible)

- ☐ Prevalence in the parents' country of origin
- ☐ Prevalence in the country where travel is planned
- ☐ Ethnic group to which she belongs (group practicing FGM/C)
- ☐ Mother or sisters being excised
- ☐ Travel plans to the country of origin, especially if the child is sent without parents
- ☐ Poor quality of exchanges or interactions with parents during the consultation

- ☐ Poor understanding of French (language barrier)
- ☐ Religious external signs
- ☐ Residing in France for less than a year
- ☐ When only girls in a sibling group are traveling
- ☐ When trips are planned for a long period
- ☐ Wearing traditional clothing
- ☐ Residence permit
- ☐ Other (please specify), free response: ...
- ☐ I have no opinion on the matter

17. Regarding FGM/C, how do you assess your level of competence? (Single response possible)

- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Average
- ☐ Insufficient
- ☐ Very insufficient

18. Would you like to receive training or refresher courses in this area? (Single response possible)

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ I am not sure

If the answer to the question "Would you like to receive training or refresher courses in this area?" is "yes" or "I am not sure," the following question appears:

18.1 If yes, what aspects should the training cover:

- ☐ Legal aspects
- ☐ Relational aspects (interaction with users, attitudes)
- ☐ Social support
- ☐ Clinical identification of FGM/C
- ☐ Identification of children at risk of FGM/C
- ☐ Management if recent excision is discovered
- ☐ Obstetrical management
- ☐ Sexological management

- ☐ Surgical management
- ☐ Prevention of FGM/C among children
- ☐ Integration of FGM/C issues in sex education
- ☐ Other (please specify), free response: ...
- ☐ I have no opinion on the matter