



Focus on Female Genital Mutilation and Women's Reproductive Health

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Message from the Guest Editors

Female genital mutilation, or cutting, is considered to be a human right violation and a crime in several high- and low-prevalence countries. However, according to the WHO and UNICEF, more than 200 million women and girls are estimated to live with it, and an estimated 3 million are at risk annually.

Maintaining the practice is grounded in complex socio-cultural roots and a lack of knowledge concerning the physical, psychological and health-related consequences of FGM.

To improve care and work towards a change in behavior and attitude, it is vital to inform health providers about the context, experience, and views of different settings and communities. Health systems must be enabled to adapt to this complex situation and tailor their care according to the requirements of women and girls without overburdening them or offering treatments that mirror biased perspectives.

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