

FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

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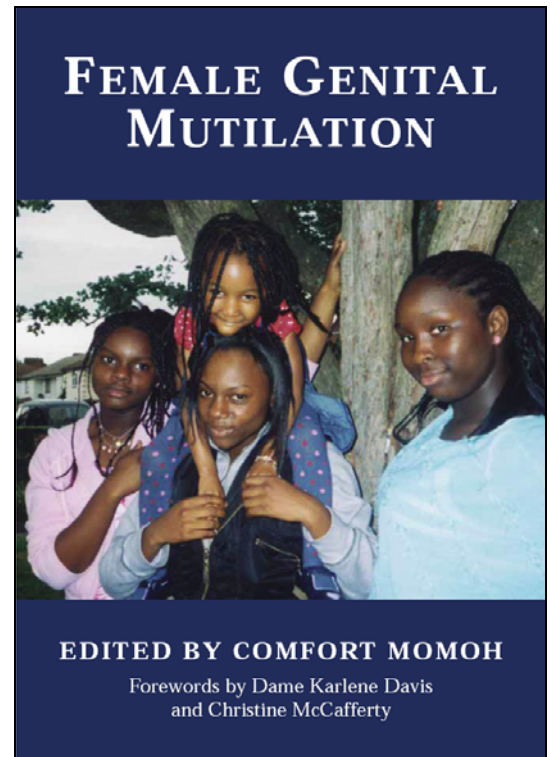
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This unique book will assist those who care for women and girls who have had, or are at risk of having female genital mutilation. It focuses on caring for both physical and psychological needs of the vulnerable or suffering and maintains an understanding, holistic and objective approach to the current situation. It contains colour plates, illustrations, photos and graphs.

Female Genital Mutilation is a valuable reference for healthcare professionals and others involved in social services, teaching, child protection and police services. Caseworkers involved with asylum seekers and refugees, children's charities, and policy makers and shapers will also find it useful, as will researchers and academics.

'Female genital mutilation is a barbaric attack on women's sexuality and autonomy. We must all - politicians, clinicians, community and religious leaders - join together to ensure that FGM is eradicated both in the UK and abroad. Female genital mutilation is a fundamental human rights issue with adverse health and social implications. FGM violates the rights of girls and women to bodily integrity and results in perpetuating gender inequality. It is vital that laws are fully implemented and that governments, agencies, professionals and communities work together for the elimination of this practice.'

Christine McCafferty, in her Foreword



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'Some readers will already have knowledge and expertise in this field, others will have come to hear about the practice recently; whichever is the case, we hope that by the time you have read the book you will have a better understanding of the historical, physical, psychosexual, socio-economic and cultural factors that underpin the maintenance of what is an ancient tradition.' Comfort Momoh

Contents:

Female Genital Mutilation * FGM and issues of gender and human rights of women * Managing the reality of FGM * Female Genital Mutilation - a clinician's experience * Care of circumcised young women and girls * Health care provision for pregnant asylum seekers and refugees * FGM and child protection * Strategies for FGM prevention in Europe * Attitudes towards FGM among Somali women living in the UK * Legislative action to eradicate FGM in UK * FGM - the struggle continues...

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