Future U.S Policy and Advocacy Recommendations

How can you help change policy and improve practice of providing culturally-appropriate care to FGM/C-affected communities:

- Development of FGM/C Continuing Medical Education training for medical providers in the disciplines of Pediatric Urology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine, Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, General Surgery, Psychiatry, and Child Abuse.
- 2. Development of standardized FGM/C training for medical residents and fellows in the disciplines of Pediatric Urology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine, Adolescent Medicine, General Pediatrics, Emergency Medicine, General Surgery, Psychiatry and Child Abuse.
- Development of standardized FGM/C training for state law enforcement and Child Protective Services workers, including cultural training, legal training, and interpretation of child abuse laws.
- 4. Development of standardized FGM/C training in schools for nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, and psychologists.
- Development of standardized FGM/C training for child psychologists and social workers.
- 6. Development of a clear algorithm for mandated reporting requirements of child abuse and children at imminent risk for FGM/C, including need for law enforcement and/or Child Protective Services involvement.
- 7. Compilation of teaching photo library and surgical videos of types of FGM/C in pre-pubertal and pubertal girls, and adult women.
- 8. Need for update to future ICD coding to reflect WHO FGM/C typology.
- 9. Funding to support community outreach and support for families from high-prevalence countries.
- 10. Funding to support studies of US FGM/C prevalence in pediatric, teen and adult populations.

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Opportunities for Future Ethical Discourse

Universal Genito-Urinary Exams

 Pediatric and Family Medicine providers encouraged to perform universal genito-urinary exams at Well Child visits irrespective of gender, race or ethnicity

Genital Self-Image (Before and After Surgery)

 How women view their genitals and how it informs their decision-making regarding surgical interventions

Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery

- Clitoral reconstruction
- Hymenoplasty
- Re-infibulation (partial vs full) clarifying this distinction, applicable laws, and appropriate counseling to inform decision-making in adult women

Human Right to Bodily Integrity and Genital Autonomy of Children Regardless of Sex/Gender

- Female
- Male
- Intersex

Engaging Men in the Conversation

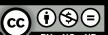
- Husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, community leaders, religious figures
- Empowering both men and women to impact health-seeking behavior, health care experiences, and support individuals and communities towards abandonment of the practice of FGM/C

Multidisciplinary Approach to Care

- Inclusion of professionals from across multiple disciplines to ensure continuity and holistic care of the individual patient and her family
- This includes: medical and behavioral health professionals, social workers, pelvic floor physical therapists, sexologists, peer mentors, and community advocates

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