

Review of: "Discussing Female Genital Mutilation by youth health care professionals in the Netherlands: facilitators and barriers"

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This is an important and interesting article on FGM. Given immigration trends from Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, FGM is likely to increase in Western countries, such as the Netherlands and the U.S. The comments from the YHCPs indicate they need more education about FGM, especially its origins and consequences on victims. However, the sample size of YHCP is too small to make a valid generalization across the country. In addition, there should be more details about how the participants were selected. Improving education about FGM is crucial; it is a cultural practice not sanctioned by any religion and awareness is vital to stopping this human rights violation. The YHCPs should be offered extensive training to better serve their clients.