

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

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This is an interesting study; however, it has several limitations including not considering the cultural and environmental background, not mentioning if the healthcare professionals took formal training in dealing with such cases or not? And not posting the questionnaire form used to ask the health care professionals (was it a standard questionnaire form or just a conversation which may vary between one health care provider or another) especially that there is a great variable time between conversations. Finally, from my experience the presence of a protocol isn't enough there need to be formal training for such health care providers, in addition to, a multidisciplinary approach to such problem involving not only healthcare providers but also social workers and religion scholars and influential people from such communities.

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