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Female genital mutilation: knowledge, attitudes and beliefs of obstetrics and gynaecology doctors in South Africa

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APPENDIX A- INFORMATION SHEET

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Research Project Title

"Female genital mutilation: Knowledge, attitudes and beliefs of Obstetrics and Gynaecology doctors in South Africa."

Invitation

You are being invited to participate in a research study. The information below is to explain why this study is being done and what participating in the study will involve. Please take time to read this information to help decide if you would like to participate in the study.

What is the purpose of this study?

The study aims to assess the understanding and knowledge of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (O&G) doctors relating to female genital mutilation (FGM). No prior research of this type has been done in South Africa before. Information gained from this study will be used to improve current knowledge and develop protocols to enhance healthcare services provided to women affected by FGM.

Why have I been chosen?

As an O&G registrar or consultant you might have had exposure to women affected by FGM or have acquired knowledge or skills related to FGM.

Do I have to take part?

It is your decision whether to participate in the study or not. If you agree to participate in the study please proceed to the informed consent page and the questionnaire after reading this information sheet. You may still withdraw from the study at any time without providing any reason.

What will be required of me if I participate in the study?

- Read the informed consent page.

- Complete and submit the online questionnaire (which is expected to take 10 minutes of your time), and includes True/False questions and questions that ask for your opinion on FGM.

What type of information will be sought from me?

Demographics information as well as your understanding and knowledge related to FGM.

What are the benefits of participating in the study?

There are no direct benefits to participating in the study.

What are the risks of participating in the study?

There are no expected disadvantages to participating in the study. Completion of the questionnaire is expected to take 10 minutes of your time.

Will my participation be confidential?

All information collected during the study will be kept strictly confidential.
If excerpts of answers are to be used or if collected data is shared with third parties, all identifiable information will be removed.

What will happen to the results of the study?

The results of the study will be used in study reports, presentations or published.

What do I do if I have any problems or concerns?

Please contact the researcher (Dr Marise Subrayan) directly if there are any problems or concerns. If you feel that the matter has not been dealt with adequately please contact the research supervisor (Professor Lombaard).

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APPENDIX B-INFORMED CONSENT SHEET

"Female genital mutilation: Knowledge, attitudes and beliefs of Obstetrics and Gynaecology doctors in South Africa"

- I agree to participate in this research study on female genital mutilation. Knowledge gained in the study aims to assess knowledge of female genital mutilation among registrars and consultants.
- I understand that my participation will be anonymous. All identifying information will be removed from any reports.
- I understand that all information I provide for this study will be treated confidentially.
- I understand that participation involves a once-off completion of a self-administered, anonymous online questionnaire.
- I understand that even if I agree to participate, I can withdraw at any time during the questionnaire or omit answering questions without any consequences.
- I understand that I will not benefit directly from participating in this research.
- I understand that extracts from my questions may be quoted in MMed, conference presentations and published papers.
- I understand that there are no direct benefits to participating in this research study.
- I understand that there are no risks associated with participating in the study.
- I understand that I am free to contact the researcher to seek further clarification and information.

By clicking to continue the questionnaire I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information.

APPENDIX C – DATA COLLECTION SHEET