

CFMS Committee on Health Policy Review

Paper Title: Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting

Paper Type: Position Paper

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Reviewer 1

This position paper was formally reviewed by the Committee on Health Policy on August 29th, 2019. The Committee requested minor revisions. The Committee's recommendations were adopted. The Committee on Health Policy recommends adoption of this paper in its current state.

General Comments:

Overall, this is an excellent and thoroughly researched paper. The evidence is presented clearly and the recommendations flow naturally from the data. This paper is of a very high quality. All areas of concern have been addressed.

Strengths:

- The problem is laid out in a very rational, compelling way. It is obvious why there might be women in Canada at risk of FGM/C based on the data presented, and that there are many women in Canada already affected. This is an issue on which medical students can advocate.
- The Guiding Principles are sound, and the Recommendations are clear, well reasoned and actionable

Reviewer 2

This position paper was formally reviewed by the Committee on Health Policy on August 29th and Sept. 9th, 2019. The Committee requested minor revisions. The Committee's recommendations were adopted. The Committee on Health Policy recommend adoption of this paper in its current state.

General Comments:

This is an excellent paper addressing an important issue. The authors focused on the harm of the practice, and provided strong arguments with striking data. The principles and recommendations are logical, concise, and appropriate.

Strengths:

- The paper is well-supported by consensus data and reference studies with clear organization
- The paper addressed a gap in CFMS position papers. There is no foreseeable overlap with other position papers