



**Sexual and reproductive health and rights today
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*ICRH celebrates 20 years of SRHR research, training and
advocacy*

Thursday 4 December 2014, Het Pand, Gent (Belgium)

Symposium on “Optimizing care for women requesting clitoral repair surgery after female genital mutilation”

In collaboration with the Reference Centre Genital Mutilation of Ghent University Hospital

Female genital mutilation causes several urological, gynecological and obstetrical consequences. A clitoral repair surgery that aims at reducing pain, improving the sex life of women and/or their physical appearance, has been developed.

Our symposium aims at providing a state of the art of this clitoral repair surgery, to discuss the outline of optimal multidisciplinary care, including clinical management, and psycho-sexual counseling and to assess opportunities of performing this surgery in developing countries.

This symposium brings together the leading clinicians and academics that have published in this field to provide state of the art on clitoral repair surgery after FGM and discussing optimal multidisciplinary care.

Welcome

9.00-9.15: *Prof Dr Els Leye* (Ghent University - ICRH & Free University Brussels - Centre for Gender, Diversity and Intersectionality, Belgium): **Introduction to the session: ICRH's research and advocacy on FGM**

Keynote lecture

9.15-9.45: *Dr Mireille Merckx*, UZ Gent/AZ Jan Portaels Vilvoorde, Belgium: **"Do all gynecologists support the option of clitoral repair surgery after female genital mutilation? The viewpoint of a clinician"**

Case studies

9.45-10.05: *Dr Refaat B Karim* (Kliniek Amstelveen, Nederland): **Protocol Reconstructive Surgery after FGM. Counseling and treatment of women requesting reconstructive surgery after FGM**

10.05-10.25: *Dr Charlemagne Ouédraogo* (Université de Ouagadougou - Unité de formation et de recherche en science de la santé, Burkina Faso): **Results of a retrospective study on clitoral repair surgery in Burkina Faso**

10.25-10.45: *Dr Pierre Foldès* (Hôpital de Poissy - St Germain en Laye, France): **Reconstructive surgery after female genital mutilation: findings from a prospective cohort study**

10.45-11.10: *Coffee break*

11.10-11.30: *Dr Martin Caillet* (UMC Sint Pieter, Belgium): **FGM reference centres in Belgium**

11.30-11.50: *Dr Béatrice Cuzin* (E Herriot Hospital in Lyon): **Psycho-sexual rehabilitation around clitoral surgical reconstruction**

11.50-12.30: **Questions & Answers**, moderated by *Prof Dr Kristien Roelens* (Reference Centre Genital Mutilation, Ghent University Hospital, Belgium)