



Masterclass on Reconstruction after Female Genital Mutilation

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Scientific Committee

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Dear Experts, Practitioners, Advocates, and Allies,

we are delighted to invite you to our International Conference on Reconstructive Surgery after Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), which will take place in Berlin. This event will bring together leading experts, healthcare providers, and advocates to address the growing need for surgical and holistic care for affected women, particularly in Western countries experiencing increased migration from regions where FGM is practiced.

Background

The rising number of affected patients in Western countries has led to greater awareness and professional engagement with all aspects of care for survivors. However, significant gaps remain in the practical implementation of comprehensive care, especially with regard to surgical interventions. While there is increasing attention to the medical and socio-cultural burden of FGM among healthcare providers, access to reconstructive measures beyond simple deinfibulation remains limited, with only a few highly specialized centers able to offer these advanced procedures.

Workshop Highlights

Participants will have the unique opportunity to learn from internationally renowned specialists with extensive experience in clitoral reconstructive surgery. The workshop will provide a comprehensive overview of the following key topics:

- **Background and Context:** Understanding the anatomical, medical, and socio-cultural aspects of FGM/C.
- **Clinical Evaluation:** Patient assessment, counseling, and selection criteria for reconstructive surgery.
- **Surgical Techniques:** Detailed presentations on currently implemented surgical solutions, recent innovations, and the specialists' individual surgical strategies.
- **Management of Complications:** Addressing potential complications, patient follow-up, and outcome evaluation.

Hands-On Cadaver Training

A key highlight of this masterclass is the hands-on cadaver training session. This session was introduced following strong participant demand during the preceding meeting in Geneva. It offers an in-depth anatomical understanding of the vulva post-FGM/C and provides a unique opportunity to practice operative procedures under the guidance of experienced reconstructive surgeons. Step by step, participants will be able to learn and practice the latest surgical techniques that are currently under discussion and in clinical use.

"Meet the Masters"– Session

Onsite participants will have the chance to present their own cases and engage in in-depth discussions with expert surgeons during the "Meet the Masters" session. This interactive forum provides a valuable opportunity to explore treatment options and receive personalized feedback from specialists.

Networking and Exchange

This event aims to foster fruitful discussions on surgical techniques originally developed by pioneers such as Thabet and Pierre Foldès. It will also showcase the latest evidence and advancements in the field, offering space for participants to share experiences, exchange knowledge, and network with survivors, advocacy groups, and international colleagues. Teams from France, the Netherlands, Egypt, Switzerland and Germany will be in attendance, creating a truly global platform for collaboration and learning. We look forward to welcoming you to Berlin for an engaging and impactful conference that will drive progress in the care and support of FGM survivors worldwide.

With sincere regards,

Dr. med. Mahsa Bagheri & Dr. med. Uwe von Fritschen



08:00 Onboarding**08:30 Welcome****09:00 Session I***Moderators: N.N.*

15'+10' Background and cultural impact

U. v. Fritschen (Berlin)

15'+10' Applied Anatomy after FGM and Classification

M. Bagheri (Berlin)

15'+10' Deinfibulation, when how and impact on pre-natal care and delivery

J. Abdulcadir (Geneva)

15'+10' Wording and sensitive approach: How to ensure thoughtful and respectful communication with affected women

*L. Freckmann (Langenhagen)***10:40 Break and visit to the industrial exhibition****11:10 Session II***Moderators: N.N.*

15'+10' Clitoral reconstruction

P. Foldès (Paris)

15'+10' Reconstruction of the Prepuce with local flaps – What is possible?

U. v. Fritschen (Berlin)

15'+10' Complex Flap procedures, Technique & Indication

M. En-Nosse (Berlin)

15'+10' Reconstruction of labia minora – a new concept

A. Seifeldin (Cairo)

15'+10' Cristofari versus Foldès labiaplasty techniques: A prospective, comparative study and Labiaplasty with lipofilling of the labia majora

*A. Abramowicz (Montreuil)***13:15 Lunch****14:15 Session III***Moderators: N.N.*

15'+10' Currently discussed approaches what's the evidence?

R. Karim (Amstelveen)

15'+10' Reasons for and Experiences with Surgical Interventions

N.N.

15'+10' New research perspectives at Geneva University Hospital: How can we start to plan future multicenter studies?

J. Abdulcadir (Geneva)

15'+10' Non-Surgical Solutions for Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting: Platelet-Rich Plasma

R. Awwad (Cairo)

15'+10' Patient selection? / Outcome measurement

*N.N.***15:40 Break and visit to the industrial exhibition****16:00 Session IV***Moderators: N.N.*

10'+10' Healing Beyond Surgery: Integrating Sexual Therapy and Reconstructive Procedures in the Recovery of Women with FGM

A. Cissé (Berlin)

10'+10' Complications / unfavorable results and solutions

*Cases by: P. Foldes (Paris), R. Karim (Amstelveen), A. Seifeldin (Cairo), U. von Fritschen (Berlin)***17:00 Farewell for Online Participants Meet the Masters – Case presentations***M. En-Nosse (Berlin)***18:00 Meet and Greet in the Anatomical Collection of the Charité**

08:00 Hands-on dissection course under the guidance of internationally known FGM surgeons

*Moderators: J. Abdulcadir (Geneva),
M. Bagheri (Berlin), P. Foldès (Paris),
U. von Fritschen (Berlin),
R. Karim (Amstelveen), A. Seifeldin (Cairo)*

15:00 Wrap-up of the Hands-on dissection course



Prof. Dr. Jasmine Abdulcadir
Geneva (Switzerland)

PD Dr. Sarah Abramowicz
Montreuil (France)

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Cairo (Egypt)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Target audience

Specialists from surgical disciplines (plastic surgery, gynecology, urology) as well as healthcare providers, sexologists, physiotherapists, midwives and others who are interested in reconstructive surgery after FGM/C

Meeting Dates

23rd and 24th May 2025

Venue

📍 Friday, 23rd May 2025
Charité Berlin
Historical Friedrich-Kopsch-Auditorium (2nd floor)
Philippstraße 11
10115, Berlin (Germany)

📍 Saturday, 24th May 2025
Charité Berlin
Operative Training Center
Philippstraße 11
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Language

English

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Accreditation

The patronage of DGPRÄC, DGGG, GAERID, VDÄPC, DGPW and UEMS will be requested.

The event will be submitted to the Berlin Medical Association for approval of CME points.

Registration Fees

Full Access	Early Bird**	Regular
Complete Package (Theory + Hands-On Workshop)	1,250 €	1,400 €
Theory Only (Friday)	Early Bird**	Regular
Physicians	250 €	250 €
Residents	235 €	285 €
Midwives, Nurses, Sexual Therapists	150 €	200 €
Students	65 €	65 €
Online Participation	210 €*	250 €

**Early Bird offer ends on 1st March 2025.

In case of cancellation until 2 months prior to the event, a cancellation fee of 20.00 € will be charged. In case of cancellation until 1 month prior to the event 50% of the total amount will be charged (with a minimum fee of 50.00 €). After that date or in case of no-show without cancellation, 100% will be charged. Cancellations require written form.

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