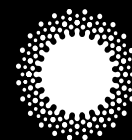


Dr Comfort Momoh Lecture Series



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PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF EVENTS

Female genital mutilation is practiced in communities in Africa, the Middle East and Asia. As the number of migrants and refugees from these countries increases, it is important that health professionals and community workers are aware of the practice and understand its affects on women's health and human rights.

Dr Comfort Momoh is a specialist midwife working in the field of female genital mutilation (FGM) who established the African Well Women's Clinic at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in London. In 2008 Dr Momoh was awarded an MBE for outstanding service to the community. She has published widely on FGM and lectures at Kings College London, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Royal College of Midwifery, amongst others.

In April 2009, the Royal Women's Hospital is sponsoring Dr Momoh to conduct a series of FGM lectures and workshops in Melbourne for health professionals, policy officers and members of affected communities.

Dr Comfort Momoh will deliver a program of professional development which will focus on clinical care and social support in a human rights context. Seminars and forums will improve participant's awareness of FGM and build capacity to respond sensitively and effectively to affected women. The program will be delivered at the Women's in conjunction with workers from the Family and Reproductive Rights Education Program, specialists in human rights, senior clinicians and other experts. The program will provide the forum for dialogue between policy, health and human rights staff across Victoria to strengthen efforts to eliminate this practice. This event is supported by DHS.

Female Genital Mutilation - A multidisciplinary approach for health professionals

Tuesday 21st April - Full day seminar

This seminar will address a comprehensive range of issues relating to FGM. This includes implications for clinical care, human rights, cultural sensitivity and legal issues in Victoria. This seminar will be of interest to a wide range of clinicians and health professionals working within affected communities.

Female Genital Mutilation- A clinical perspective

Wednesday 22nd April

This two hour workshop is for health professionals and will focus on psychosocial and physiological implications of FGM.

Female Genital Mutilation - A multidisciplinary approach for medical professionals

Saturday 25 April - Full day seminar

This seminar will address a comprehensive range of issues relating to FGM. This includes implications for clinical care, human rights, cultural sensitivity and legal issues in Victoria. This seminar will be of interest to medical practitioners as well as a wide range of professionals working within affected communities.

An introduction to the clinical and social aspects of FGM for students

Tuesday 28th April

This two hour seminar is designed for students of nursing, midwifery, allied health and medicine to explore the issues of FGM, human rights and clinical practice.

A comprehensive program of events and registration information will be available at www.thewomens.org.au throughout the month of March. Preliminary enquiries or session booking requests may be directed to:

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