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# FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION

## Introduction

for parents and carers





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# Ground Rules



# Objectives

- To gain a basic awareness of FGM
- To know how/where to access more information and support



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# FGM: Mother guilty of genital mutilation of daughter (BBC)

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A woman who mutilated her three-year-old daughter became the first person in the UK to be found guilty of female genital mutilation (FGM) last Friday (01/02/2019).

The 37-year-old mother from east London wept in the dock as she was convicted after a trial at the Old Bailey.

Spells and curses intended to deter police and social workers from investigating were found at the Ugandan woman's home, the trial heard. Her 43-year-old partner was acquitted by the jury.

Prosecutors said the mother "coached" her daughter "to lie to the police so she wouldn't get caught". The defendants, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, denied FGM and an alternative charge of failing to protect a girl from risk of genital mutilation. The mother was remanded into custody to be sentenced on 8th March 2019.

## Human Rights...

Every child  
has the right  
to be free  
from abuse



## FGM Risks...

FGM is against  
children's rights!



## Body Rights...

My Body  
Belongs to ME!



# Child Abuse

- Physical
- Emotional
- Sexual
- Neglect



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# What is FGM?

"All procedures which involve the partial or total removal of the external genitalia or injury to the female genital organs whether for cultural or any other non-medical reasons"

The World Health Organisation

# What is FGM?

FGM is child abuse.

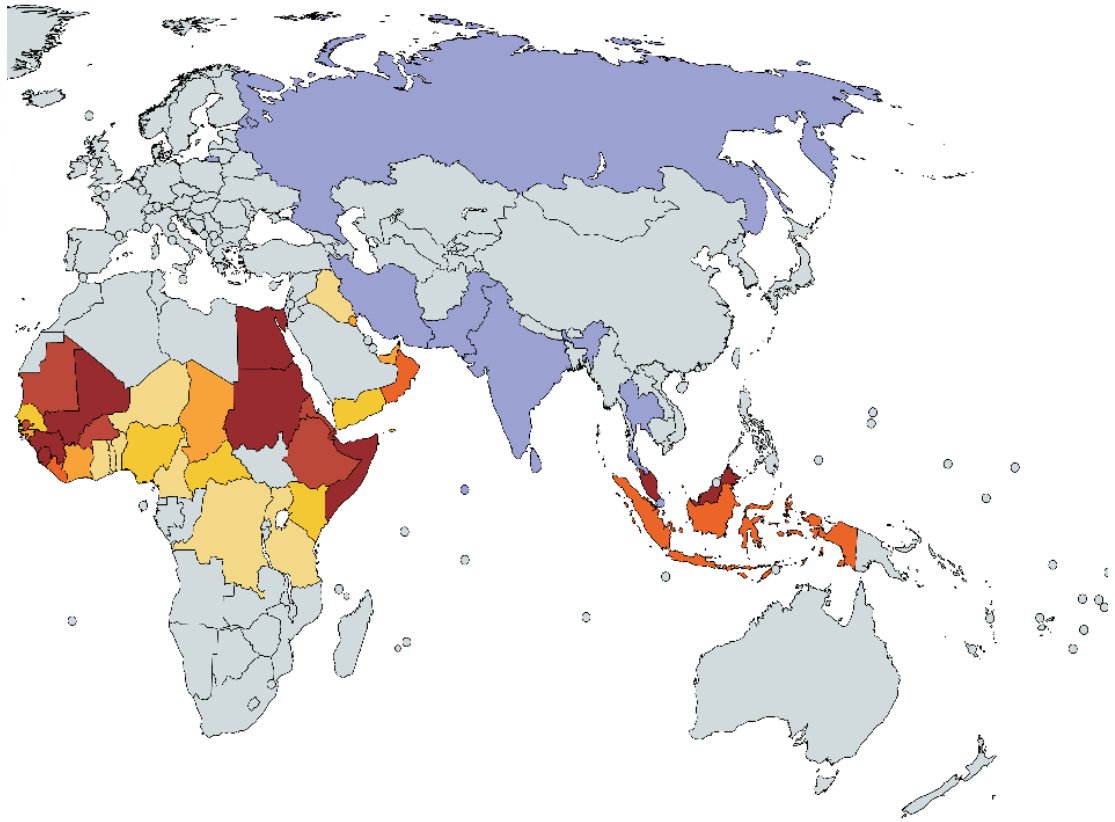
Young girls between infancy and the age of 15 – most commonly between 6 and 8 years old.



# Where is FGM Practiced?

Somalia	98%
Guinea	96%
Djibouti	93%
Egypt	91%
Eritrea	89%
Mali	89%
Sierra Leone	88%
Sudan	88%
Burkina Faso	76%
Gambia	76%
Ethiopia	74%
Mauritania	69%

Liberia	66%
Guinea Bissau	50%
Chad	44%
Cote d'Ivoire	36%
Nigeria/Kenya	27%
Senegal	26%
Central AR	24%
Yemen	23%
Tanzania	15%
Benin	13%
Iraq	8%
Ghana/Togo	4%



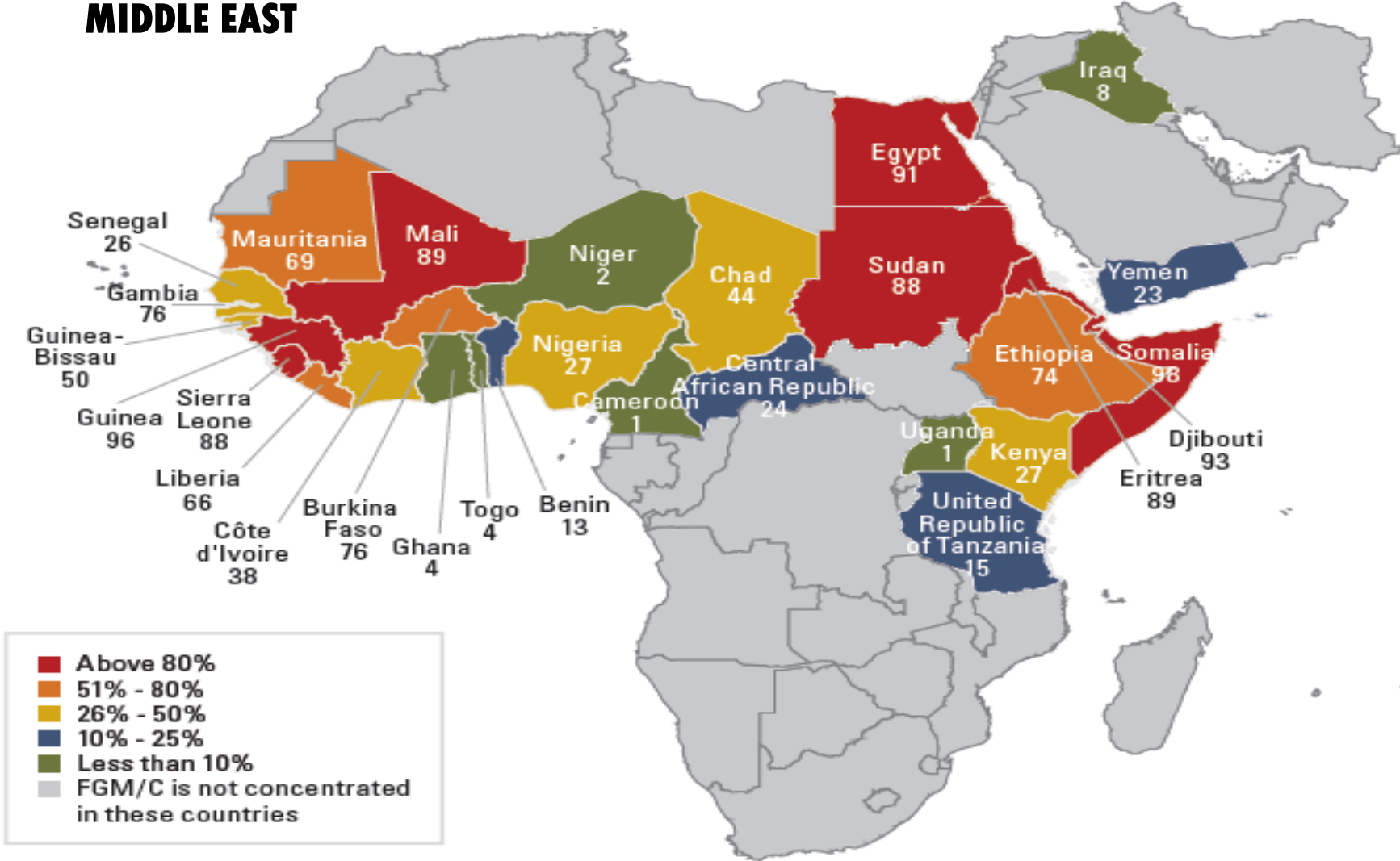
FGM Prevalence	
0-15%	
16-30%	
31-45%	
46-60%	
61-85%	
85-100%	
Only small scale studies exist/ Prevalence Unknown.	

All data has been sourced from WHO, DHS, MICS or Unicef unless stated otherwise below and represent women 15-49 years old.

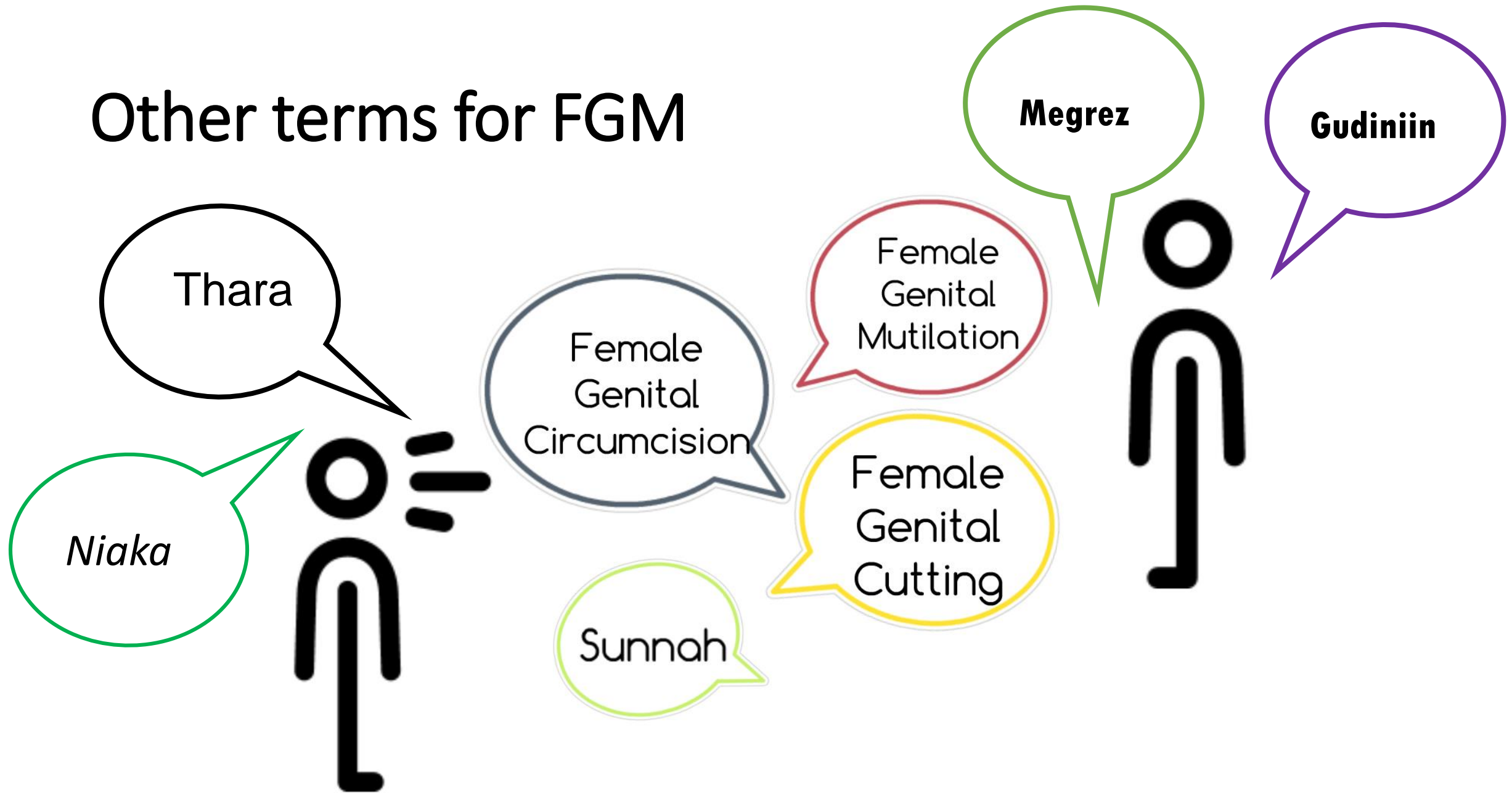
Please [click here](#) to view an online interactive map with more information.

Malaysia: Muslim Women only (University of Malaya, 2010), Indonesia: 0-14 year olds girls, UAE: Dubai Women's College, 2011.

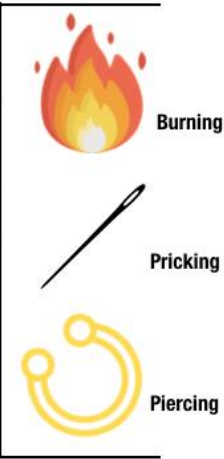
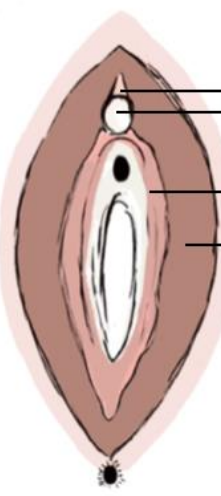
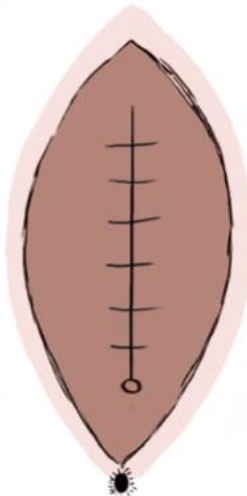
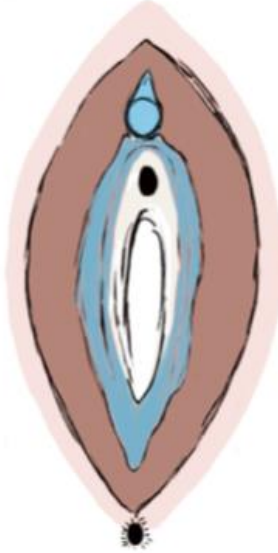
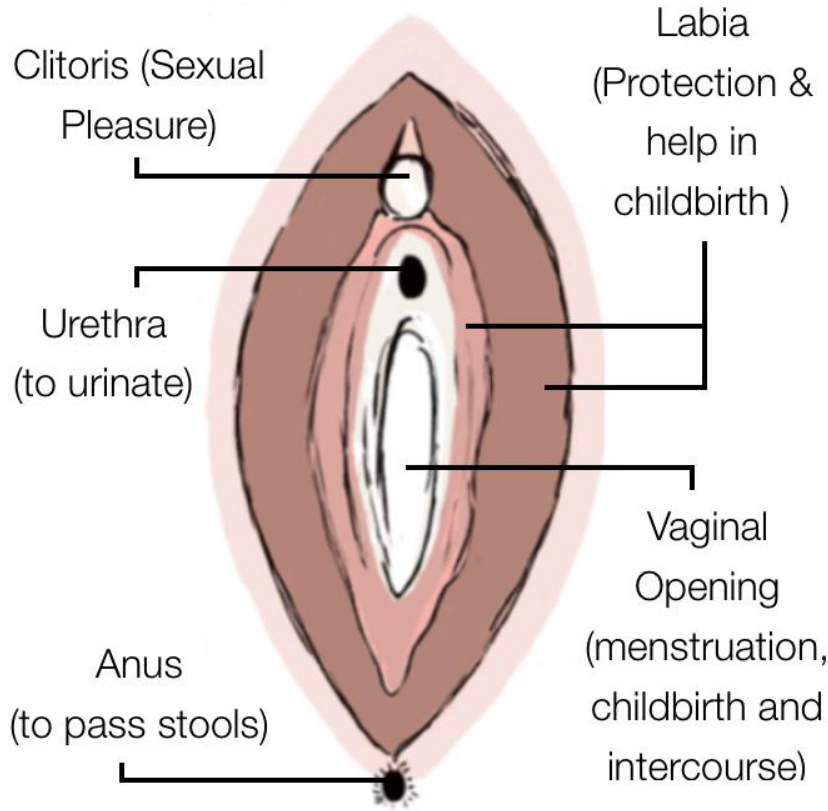
# PREVALENCE OF FGM AMONG WOMEN AGED 15-49 IN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST



# Other terms for FGM

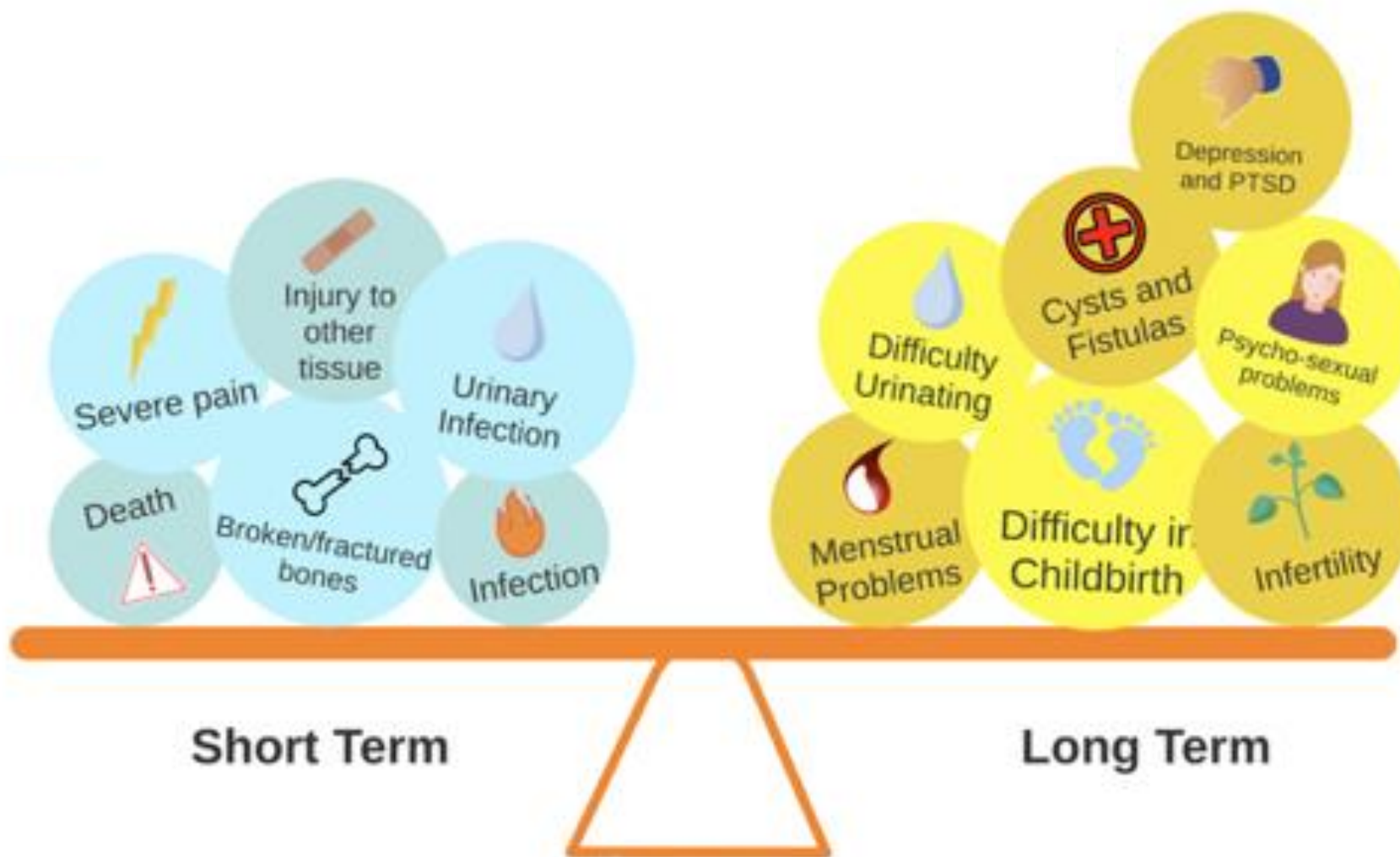


# Types of FGM



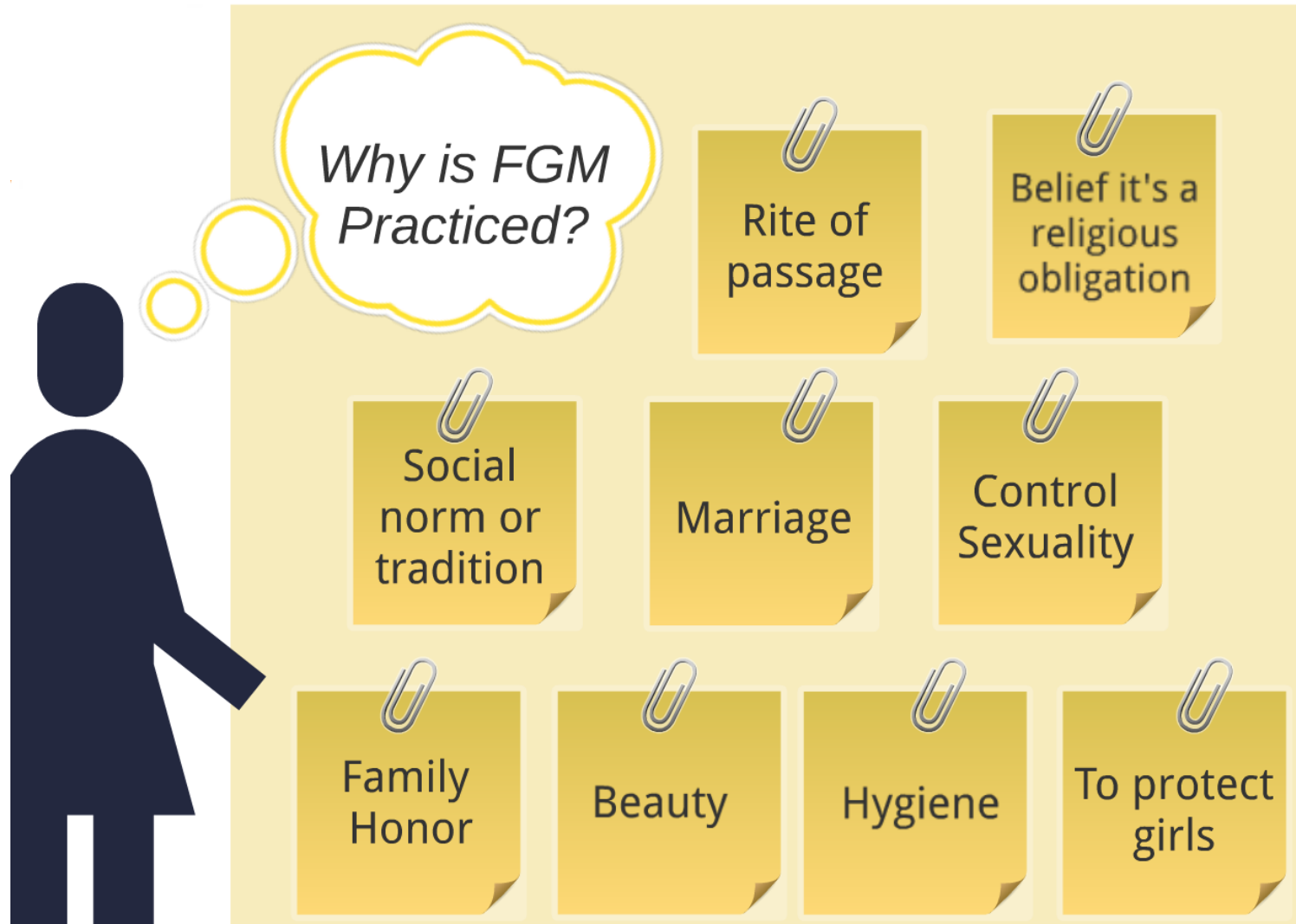
TYPE 4 Any other injury

# Potential Health Implications of FGM





# Why is FGM Practiced?



# The Law in England and Wales

## It is illegal to..

- Perform FGM on a girl in the UK
- Take a girl outside of the UK to have FGM done on a habitual resident of the UK.
- Aid the act of FGM in any way
  - Buying flights
  - Paying cutter etc.

Including:

- Asylum seeking families
- Families on student visa

# Mandatory Reporting and Protection

## Serious Crime Act 2015

FGM protection  
orders

Mandatory  
reporting

Parental  
responsibility

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# Advice and Information

- Call the National FGM Centre on 02084987137
- Call the NSPCC Helpline on 0800 028 3550 for advice and support on FGM.
- Download FGM Passport to show family or friends who may be putting pressure on you.
- Call the police if you or a girls are in immediate danger.

# How I survived FGM - Boldly



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# Do you have any questions?

