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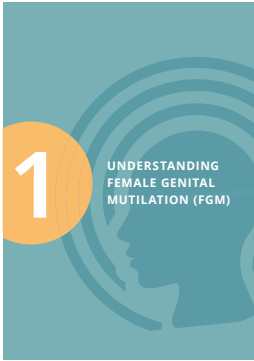
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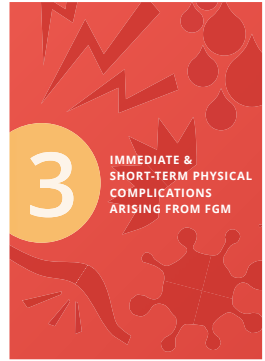
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PREFACE

It is estimated that over 200 million girls and women worldwide are living with FGM, which can affect multiple aspects of a woman's health and well-being. Despite its high prevalence in many settings and the health consequences associated with it, many health-care providers have limited knowledge on FGM and limited skills for preventing and managing related complications. To address this gap, WHO continues to develop evidence-informed guidelines and tools to ensure that affected girls and women receive the highest quality care possible.

What's new about this publication is that it distils the evidence-informed recommendations into a practical and user-friendly tool for everyday use by health-care providers. It covers a wide range of health topics in nine chapters, ranging from basic knowledge and communication skills to management of a range of complications. Moreover, it describes how to offer first-line mental and sexual health support as part of comprehensive care to address multiple aspects of women's health and well-being.

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