

*FEMALE GENITAL
MUTILATION*

SENSITIVE ISSUES

SENSITIVE APPROACH

DEFINITION

- **“Female genital mutilation comprises all procedures that involve partial or total removal of the female external genitalia and/or injury to the female genital organs for cultural or any other non-therapeutic reason” (WHO)**

HIGHEST PREVALENCE

- 90% + Djibouti, Sierra Leone, **Somalia**
- 80%-90% Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, **Sudan**
- 60%-79% Chad, Guinea, Liberia, **Egypt**

CLASSIFICATION

- **TYPE I** - Excision of prepuce
- **TYPE II** - Excision of prepuce and clitoris
- **TYPE III** - Infibulation
- **TYPE IV** - Miscellaneous

TYPE I

- Excision of prepuce
- Partial clitoridectomy
- Total clitoridectomy

TYPE II

- Clitoridectomy
- Partial or total excision of labia minora

TYPE III

- Clitoridectomy
- Excision of :
 - Labia minora
 - Labia majora
- Infibulation:
 - Reapproximation of remnant labia majora
 - Creation of neointroitus

TYPE IV

- Introcision
- Stretching
- Nicking
- Cauterization
- Corrosive substances
- Maniputation

FGM Laws in NSW

It is against the law to:

- Circumcise a woman, girl or female baby
- Remove or cut out any part of the female genital area (excise)
- Stitch up female genital area (infibulate)
- Cut the clitoris or part of the clitoris
- Damage the female genital area in other ways

- If someone breaks the law and performs FGM, they can go to prison for up to 7 years
- It is against the law to do FGM even if the woman or girl wants it to be done
- It is against the law to go to another country or another part of Australia to have it performed

It is also against the law

to:

***“aid, abet, counsel, or
procure” a person to perform
FGM***

- Help someone else to do these acts; or
- Get someone else to do these acts

Re-infibulation

- After childbirth or any other type of gynecological operation only a doctor may stitch up a woman or girl if he/she decides that it is necessary for the woman's health
- Or a doctor, midwife or medical student may stitch up a woman or girl if he/she decides that it is for medical purpose connected with the woman or girls labour or birth

COMPLICATION OF FGM

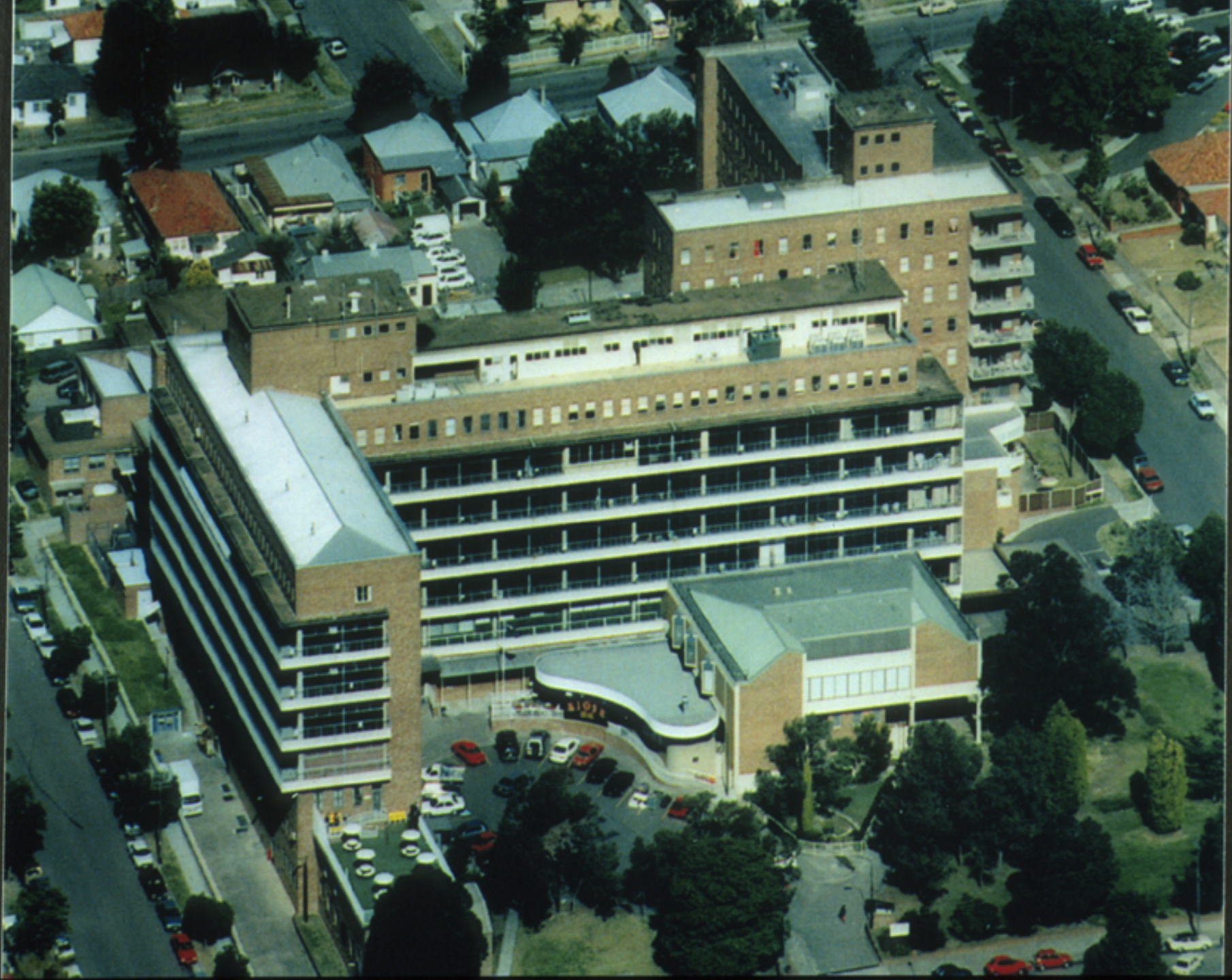
- Immediate
- Long term
- Psychological

IMPLICATIONS FOR LABOUR

- Difficulty with accurate assessment
- Perineal laceration
- Urinary retention

OUTCOMES

- Early identification of affected women
- Improved documentation
- Written protocols



• ***THANK YOU***

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