**Girls and her Mother's Knowledge, Practice and Attitude toward Female Circumcision**

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***Abstract***

**Background:** Female genital circumcision (FGC) comprises all procedures involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia for cultural or non therapeutic reasons. It is a harmful traditional practice with severe consequences for the health and well-being of girls. **The aim** of the study was to identify the girls and her mothers' knowledge, practice and attitude toward FGC. **Design:** A cross-sectional descriptive design was utilized to meet current study. **Setting:** the current study was conducted in governmental and private schools for female and home visit for mothers. **Sample:** 300 girls and their mothers were randomly selected for this study. **Tools:** Structured interviewing questionnaire was developed and translated into Arabic language to collect data related to the studied subject's characteristics, the knowledge, attitude and practice about FGC. **Results:** the current study indicated that more than forty percent (44.3%) of the females aged from 11-13 years, the participants stated that they had learned the most about FGC from family, followed by friends and doctor. (64.7%) of them supporting FGC, there was a highly significant difference (P= 0.000) between knowledge and attitude of mothers and girls about FGC respectively. **Conclusion:** Females are still genitally circumcised at Assuit and Sohagcity**,** a highly significant difference was found between educational levels of mother and knowledge about FGC (*P* < 0.000), there was a highly significant difference (P= 0.000) as regardeducation of mother &willingness to circumcise their daughter. **Recommendation:** Ministry of Health needs to strengthen its supervision mechanisms in both rural and urban areas at Assuit and Sohag to stop its staff from performing the practice, more severe punishment should be taken against those that are caught practicing FGC, education on policies and laws is needed so that providers and other community leaders and even religion leaders can understand and discuss FGC issues competently.

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