

# **Relationship between Personal Characteristics and the Person Performing Female Genital Mutilation**

**Background:** Medicalization is defined by the World Health Organization (WHO) as "the circumstance in which FGM/C is performed by any health care practitioner, whether in a public or private health facility, at home, or anywhere else. **Aim:** Assess Relationship between Personal Characteristics and the Person Performing Female Genital Mutilation at Beni-Suef. **Subject & Methods:** A descriptive cross-sectional study was used. The study population consisted of 2837 females in family health centers (FHCs) in different sitting at Beni-Suef. A Structured Interviewing Questionnaire sheet was used to collect data. **Results:** The most (70.4%) of studied participants were rural residents, 90.2% were highly educated, 57.5% were single. There is a significant association between residence and the person performing FGM/C. ( $p \leq 0.001$ ). Circumcision performed by Barber or Dayah were more prevalent (100.0% & 98.8%, respectively) among rural dwellers than urban ones (0.0% & 1.2%, respectively). There is a significant association between mothers' & fathers' education and the person performing FGM/C ( $p \leq 0.001$ ). **Conclusion & Recommendations:** The most of studied participants were rural residents. A significant association between residence, parent's education and the person performing FGM/C was found. Motivations and behavior change of rural residences toward practices of FGM/C by educational programs should be performed.

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