

**Clinical Practice Guideline**  
**FGM: De-infibulation Service: Pathway**



**Referral to FGM de-infibulation clinic**

**Referral sources**

1. Self referral – contact WHIC or FARREP to make appointment;
2. Internal (FGM Medical Liaison Officers within the antenatal or gynaecology clinics make referrals to WHIC via internal referral form and the women will be booked in for the procedure and will not need another consultation; all other staff can refer to WHIC);
3. External (GPs fax referral to Access Centre to be recorded on Clinical Referral Management List and then place in a tray for WHIC – Well Women's to triage and make appointments , community FARREP workers and other health professionals can contact FARREP or WHIC directly)

**Appointments**

WHIC Receptionist will make all appointments; send letter of appointment and book onsite interpreters if required.

**Prior to FGM De-infibulation Clinic appointment**

FARREP to telephone all women before their appointment to offer support with access to the hospital and address any other issues. FARREP worker will also inform women of what happens at the clinic. First appointment is consultation and assessment with a nurse and if suitable and the woman consents to de-infibulation in the clinic, this will occur in a fortnight.

**FGM De-infibulation Clinic**

Consultation with consultant nurse specialist, midwife or nurse practitioner is booked. If assessment already undertaken by Medical FGM Liaison Officer (or Medical practitioner who has consulted with Medical FGM Liaison Officer) who has completed an internal referral form and assessment the woman can be booked for procedure via WHIC without a consultation.

Consultation with FARREP worker with the woman's consent will occur for all women referred to the Clinic.

- *First 6 months clinical support will be provided by FGM Liaison Officers: Gynaecologists and FGM Liaison Officer: Midwifery Educator. A roster will be provided to Well Women's Clinic Coordinator.*
- *Post 6 months arrangements to be made for medical back up.*

**Referrals**

- Internal and external services as required, including Allied Health at the Women's and community agencies

**Procedure performed in clinic**

- Booked in to clinic for next fortnight
- Post procedure information provided and follow-up appointment in clinic booked for all women undergoing procedure.

**Procedure performed under general anaesthetic**

- Well Women's nurses to contact Gynaecology Registrar to book women onto Medical FGM Liaison Officers: Gynaecologists Theatre lists.

**Unplanned overnight admission**

Please contact the Access Manager on pager: 53473

**Referrals and follow up**

- 4 week follow up appointment for all women post procedure
- external and/or internal services as required
- confirm women accessing antenatal care have a antenatal appointment booked.