

- 1) What is your age?
 - 30 - 40 years;
 - 41 - 50 years;
 - 51 - 60 years;
 - 61 - 70 years

- 2) What is your gender?
 - Man
 - Woman

- 3) You are employed in:
 - Big city (Brussels, Antwerp or Ghent);
 - Medium-sized city;
 - Rural area;
 - Other

- 4) You work in a:
 - Private practice;
 - General Hospital,
 - University Hospital

- 5) Have you already had patients requesting hymen reconstructions?
 - Yes
 - No

- 6) How many requests for hymen repair did you receive in the last 12 months?
 - None,
 - 1,
 - 2,
 - 3,
 - 4,
 - 5,
 - 6-10,
 - 11-20,
 - More than 20

- 7) Do you request the following information from the patient:
 - Religion,
 - Ethnicity,
 - Age,
 - Relationship status (cohabiting, married, single),
 - Motivation for request for hymen reconstruction,
 - General knowledge of the patient about genitals and hymen,
 - Confidential person of the patient (someone who is close to the patient e.g. family, friend who can help her after surgery or where she go for advice)
 - Other

- 8) Do you ask for the reason why the women / girls want to undergo a hymen reconstruction?
- Yes
 - No
- 9) Why do you ask (or not) for the reason why the women / girls want to undergo a hymen reconstruction?
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- 10) What are the reasons that the women / girls indicate?
- Religious prescription,
 - Cultural customs,
 - Pressure from the family,
 - For fear of violence,
 - Out of respect and affection for the family,
 - Out of respect for the future husband,
 - Cosmetic reasons,
 - Other
- 11) What do you do in case of a request for hymen reconstruction?
- I do the surgery,
 - I do not perform the intervention,
 - I refer to others,
 - Other reason
- 12) Which items do you communicate with the patient?
- I counsel the patient on the following alternatives: virginity ovule (A vaginal gelatin capsule that can simulate bleeding)
 - I counsel the patient on the following alternatives: Prick in finger (The woman pricks with a needle in the finger so that she can spread a few drops of blood on the sheet.)
 - I counsel the patient about other alternatives.
 - I inform the patient about my personal concerns but make it clear that she has the right to decide.
 - I am talking about the possible psychological consequences of the hymen reconstruction. (This means that the patient can develop feelings of guilt towards the partner due to unfairness of her virginity status)
 - Other
- 13) If you refuse or refer the patient, for what reason do you do that?
- I do not have the necessary knowledge and technical skills to carry out such interventions.
 - I do not perform any surgical procedures.
 - The procedure is not medically indicated.
 - The intervention contributes to deception of the future marriage partner and the families involved.
 - Performing the intervention means maintaining the myth that every hymen will bleed at first coitus.

- The intervention contributes to the maintenance of a double standard. (That is, a virginity test for women and that it is not necessary for men.)
- The intervention violates the right to physical integrity and self-determination of women.
- Others

14) If you do the surgery, which is your motivation?

- That it is the woman who has the right to decide on her own body, independent of your personal opinion.
- That the woman is in danger, she can become a victim of honor killings.
- That it is a small, reversible, innocent intervention without risks.
- That the failure to operate maintains the double standard.
- That it is an intervention like any other, I just execute them.
- Others

15) Have you already experienced complications after carrying out such procedures?

- Yes,
- No,
- Not applicable

16) If you have already experienced complications, what are the most common complications?

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17) Do you follow-up?

- Yes,
- No, go to 18
- Not applicable

18) Why do you not do follow-up?

- The patient is not open to this: she has made it clear that she would rather not take part in the follow-up.
- Follow up is not necessary for this surgery
- Other

19) Do you know the number of patients coming for a follow up consultation?

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20) If you do follow-up, what does it consists of?

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21) I register this procedure under:

- Vulvo-vaginal plastic surgery
- Surgery on the abdomen,
- Not applicable
- Other

22) If a patient would request a hymenreconstruction, I would:

- Perform the surgery,
- Not perform the surgery,
- Refer the patient,
- Other

23) If I were requested to do a hymen reconstruction, I would not carry out the procedure for the following reasons:

- I do not have the necessary knowledge and technical skills to carry out such interventions.
- I do not perform any surgical procedures.
- The procedure is not medically indicated.
- The intervention contributes to deception of the future marriage partner and the families involved.
- Performing the intervention means working on the myth that every hymen will bleeds at first coitus.
- The intervention contributes to the maintenance of a double standard. (That is, a virginity test for women and that it is not necessary for men.)
- The intervention violates the right to physical integrity and self-determination of women.
- Other

24) If I were requested to do a hymen reconstruction, I would perform the procedure for the following reasons:

- The woman has the right to decide on her own body, independent of my personal opinion.
- The woman is in danger, she can become a victim of honor killings.
- It is a small, reversible, innocent intervention without risks.
- The failure to operate maintains the double standard.
- It is an intervention like any other, I just execute it
- Other

25) Indicate the answer that is closest to your personal opinion:

| | Totally disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Totally agree |
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| I have the necessary knowledge and technical skills to carry out such operations | | | | | |
| The procedure is not medically indicated | | | | | |
| The intervention violates the right | | | | | |

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| to physical integrity and self-determination of the woman | | | | | |
| The intervention means contributing to the myth that every hymen will bleed at first coitus | | | | | |
| The intervention contributes to the deception of the future marriage partner and the families involved | | | | | |
| The intervention helps to maintain a double standard. (i.e. a virginity test for women and that it is not necessary for men) | | | | | |
| The woman has the right to decide on her own body. My personal opinion about the operation is completely separate from this | | | | | |
| The woman is in danger, she can become a victim of honor killings | | | | | |
| It is a small, reversible, innocent intervention without risk | | | | | |
| Failure to operate | | | | | |

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| maintains the double standard | | | | | |
| This procedure is an intervention like any other, I just execute them | | | | | |
| I think that hymen reconstructions maintain the virginity myth. (The virginity myth is the rumor that every girl should bleed at the first coitus) | | | | | |

- 26) I think that such interventions should be reimbursed by the health insurance
- Yes
 - No

27) If you have any comments about the previous question, you can mention them here

- 28) Was hymen reconstruction part of your basic training?
- Yes
 - No

29) If you have any comments about the previous question, you can mention them here.

- 30) Was hymenreconstruction part of your specialization training?
- Yes
 - No

31) If you have any comments about the previous question, you can mention them here:

- 32) Would you rather have had more information about this procedure during your studies?
- Yes
 - No

33) If you have any comments about the previous question, you can mention it here:

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34) Do you find it useful to include this subject in the curriculum?

- Yes
- No

35) If you have any comments about the previous question, you can mention them here:

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36) Are you familiar with any guidelines from Belgian or international organizations regarding hymen reconstructions?

- Yes
- No

37) If yes, which guideline was this?

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38) I think that the VVOG (Flemish Association of Gyn/obs) should draw up a guideline on hymenreconstructions.

- Yes
- No

39) If you have any comments about the previous question, you can mention them here:

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40) If you would like to share any other comment, you can mention it here:

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