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# Women's Health Needs STUDY

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## SECTION B. BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

Now we can begin. I am going to start by asking you some basic questions about your background.

1. What languages do you speak comfortably now?

A.

B.

C.

2. What language do you speak most often at home (a, b, c, or other - specify)?

- A
- B
- C
- Other, please specify:

3. What language(s) do you speak most often with your closest friends? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Allow for two languages to be given]

4. If you think of yourself as belonging to a particular ethnic group or tribe, what would that be?

- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

[SKIP LOGIC: IF RESPONDENT WAS BORN IN THE U.S. (SCREENER Q4), GO TO Q7]

5. How long ago did you move to the United States? [INTERVIEWER NOTE: Select best option based on answer for the most recent time]

- Within the last year
- 1-5 years ago
- 6-10 years ago
- Over 10 years ago
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

6. Since moving to the United States, how many times have you traveled home? "Home country" is the country where you were born or where you lived most of the time before coming to the U.S.

- Never
- Once
- 2-3 times
- Four or more times
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer
- ▶ GO TO Q8

7. How many times have you ever traveled outside the U.S.?

- Never
- Once
- 2-3 times
- Four or more times
- Don't know
- Prefer not to answer

8. In what country does your mother live now?

- Mother passed away [GO TO Q10]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q10]
- Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q10]

9. How often do you speak with your mother?

- Daily
- 2-3 times a week
- Once a week
- Once/twice a month
- Less than once a month
- Never
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

## SECTION C. MARRIAGE AND HOUSEHOLD

Next, I am going to ask you questions about your marital status and living arrangements.

10. Including yourself, how many people live in your household now? Please count children and elders. Do NOT count people staying in the home for less than one month.

Don't Know

Prefer not to answer

11. Which of the following describes your current marital status? Are you married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- Married

- Not married, but living with a partner  
[GO TO Q15]
- Widowed
- Divorced
- Separated
- Never married [GO TO Q15]
- Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q15]

**12. How old were you when you first got married?**

- Under 18 years
- 18-24 years
- 25-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- Over 49 years
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**13. How old was your husband when you first got married?**

- Under 18 years
- 18-24 years
- 25-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- Over 49 years
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**14. In what country did your first marriage take place?**

- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**SECTION D. EFFECTS ON MIGRATION**

I am now going to ask you some questions about your participation in community activities such as neighborhood organizations or groups.

**15. Are you a member of any club or association for people from your family's home country or ethnic/cultural background?**

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Prefer not to answer

**16. When you invite people to your home, are they usually people from your family's home country or ethnic/cultural background, or with people who are NOT from your family's home country or ethnic/cultural background?**

- Mostly people from my home country or ethnic/cultural background
- Mostly people NOT from my home country or ethnic/cultural background
- A combination
- I never invite people to my home
- Prefer not to answer

**17. Have you done any work outside of the home for pay in the past 30 days?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**SECTION E. HEALTH-SEEKING BEHAVIOR AND PROVIDER EXPERIENCE**

Now I am going to ask you some questions about your overall health and experiences with health care, services, and providers.

**18. In general, how would you describe your health? Is it excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?**

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Not sure
- Prefer not to answer

**19. How many times have you gone to a clinic or hospital for health care for yourself in the past 12 months?**

- Not at all
- Once
- Twice
- 3-5 times
- More than 5 times
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**20. When visiting your doctor, would you like to have an interpreter present?**

- Yes
- No [GO TO Q23]
- Do not have a doctor [GO TO Q23]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q23]

Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q23]

**21. During your last visit, was an interpreter offered to you?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**22. Who usually serves as an interpreter for you?**

- My health provider
- Professional interpreter
- A staff person
- A female friend or relative
- My husband or other male relative
- Other, please specify:

Prefer not to answer

**23. Are you currently covered by any of the following types of health insurance?**

- A plan purchased through an employer or union (includes plans purchased through another person's employer)
- A plan that you or a family member buys on their own
- Medicaid or other state or federal program
- Some other source, please specify:

- I do not currently have health insurance
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**24. During the past 12 months, was there any time when you needed medical care but didn't get it because you couldn't afford it?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

## SECTION F. WOMEN'S HEALTH AND PREGNANCY OUTCOMES

I am now going to ask you questions about family planning and your sexual health.

**25. Have you ever used any contraceptives or birth control methods to avoid or delay getting pregnant?**

- Yes
- No [GO TO Q27]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q27]
- Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q27]

**26. Which method(s) have you ever used? Have you used this method in the past 30 days?**

	Ever Used?	Used in past 30 days?
Female sterilization (tubes tied)	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Male sterilization	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Contraceptive implant (Nexplanon, Jadelle, Sino, Implant, Implanon)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
IUD (for example, Paragard, Mirena, Skyla, Liletta)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Shots/Injections (for example, Depo-Provera)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Birth control pills (daily pills, any kind)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Contraceptive patch (Ortho Evra, Xulane)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Contraceptive ring (NuvaRing)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Male condoms	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Diaphragm	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Female condoms	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Foam, jelly, or cream	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Emergency contraception (morning after pill)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Not having sex at certain times (rhythm or natural family planning)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Withdrawal (pulling out)	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No
Other, please specify: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 300px; margin-top: 5px;"></div>	1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes → 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No

**27. In the past 12 months, have you had trouble getting the contraceptives or birth control methods you wanted for any reason?**

- Yes
- No [GO TO Q29]
- I did not need a birth control method [GO TO Q29]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q29]
- Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q29]

**28. Why did you have trouble getting the birth control method that you wanted?**

- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**29. When was your last pelvic exam and/or pap smear?**

- Within past year
- 2-3 years ago
- 3 to 5 years ago
- More than 5 years ago
- Never
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**30. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?**

*[READ IF NECESSARY: Do not count oral sex, anal sex, heavy petting, or other forms of sexual activity that do not involve vaginal penetration. Do not count sex with a female partner].*

- Under 18 years
- 18-24
- 25-29 years
- 30-39 years
- 40-49 years
- Over 49 years
- Never had sexual intercourse [GO TO Q39]
- Prefer not to answer

## SECTION G. WOMEN'S HEALTH AND PREGNANCY OUTCOMES

To finish up our questions about health and health care, we have a few questions for you about pregnancy and prenatal care.

**31. Are you pregnant now?**

- Yes
- No [GO TO Q33]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q33]
- Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q33]

**32. Have you had prenatal care for this pregnancy?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

Now we have some questions about your children.

**33. How many children have you given birth to that were born alive?**

 

- [IF 0, GO TO Q39]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q39]
  - Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q39]

Now I will ask a few questions about each child you had beginning with the oldest one.

Child	34. In what month and year was this child born?	35. Is this child still alive?	36. Was this child born in the U.S.?	37. How many weeks (or months) pregnant were you at the time of your first prenatal care visit?	38. Was this baby delivered by caesarean section (c-section)?
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## SECTION H. FGM/C

In a number of countries, there is a practice called circumcision in which a girl or young woman may have part of her genitals cut. Now I would like to ask you some questions about your knowledge and experiences with female circumcision.

**39. Do you come from a family that has practiced the tradition of female circumcision?**

Yes, please describe the tradition in your family.

- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

[SKIP LOGIC: IF NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED, GO TO Q41]

**40. Does your husband come from a family that has practiced the tradition of female circumcision?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**41. Have you ever been circumcised?**

- Yes
- No [GO TO Q52]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q52]
- Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q52]

**42. What kind of circumcision do you have?**

- Prefer not to answer

**43. How old were you when first circumcised?**

- Less than 1 year old

- 1-4 years old
- 5-9 years old
- 10-14 years old
- 15-19 years old
- More than 19 years old
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**44. Now I would like to ask you some more questions about your circumcision. Was any flesh removed from the genital area?**

- Yes [GO TO Q46]
- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**45. Was the genital area nicked without removing any flesh?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**46. Was your genital area sewn closed?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**47. Have you ever had any problems related to your circumcision?**

- Yes
- No [GO TO Q49]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q49]
- Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q49]

**48. Please describe what problems occurred.**

- Prefer not to answer

**49. Would you feel comfortable talking about your circumcision with a health care provider?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

Prefer not to answer

**50. Have you ever talked with a health care provider about your circumcision?**

Yes

No [GO TO Q52]

Don't Know [GO TO Q52]

Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q52]

**51. Who started the conversation about your circumcision, you or the health care provider?**

You

The health care provider

Don't Know

Prefer not to answer

**Have you ever experienced any of these health issues or conditions?**

[If Q30=No (Never had sexual intercourse), only ask Items F-J. If reported sexual intercourse for Q30 but Q33=0 (Never had a live birth), only ask items D-J].

52. Have you ever had a/an. . . ?	[Check box if yes]	[if YES] Did you seek professional health care for this?	[if YES] Were you satisfied with how the problem was addressed?	Is this an ongoing problem?
A. Emergency C-section	<input type="checkbox"/>			
B. Postpartum hemorrhage	<input type="checkbox"/>			
C. Extensive vaginal tears from childbirth	<input type="checkbox"/>			
D. Pain with intercourse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not treatable by a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
E. Bleeding with intercourse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not treatable by a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
F. Difficulty passing menstrual blood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not treatable by a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
G. Difficulty passing urine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not treatable by a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
H. Pain with urination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not treatable by a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
I. Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not treatable by a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
J. Feeling sad for many weeks at a time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not treatable by a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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## SECTION I. FGC BELIEFS

I am now going to ask you some questions about your beliefs and opinions about female circumcision.

**53. In your opinion, can female circumcision cause any health problems for women later on (for example during pregnancy and delivery)?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

[SKIP LOGIC: IF NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED, GO TO Q55]

**54. What are your husband's views about female circumcision? Do you think he would say. . .**  
[INTERVIEWER NOTE: DO NOT READ RESPONSES WHEN ALL CAPS]

- It should be stopped
- It should continue as is
- Depends on the family
- I have mixed feelings about it
- Other, please specify:

- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**55. Which of the following best describes your views about female circumcision? Would you say...**

- It should be stopped
- It should continue as is
- Depends on the family
- I have mixed feelings about it
- Other, please specify:

- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**56. Do you believe that female circumcision is required by your religion?**

- Yes
- No
- No Religion
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

<SKIP LOGIC: IF U.S. BORN, GO TO Q59>.

**57. Has your opinion about female circumcision changed in any way since you moved to the U.S.?**

- Yes
- No [GO TO Q59]
- Not applicable, did not have opinion before moving to U.S. [GO TO Q59]
- Don't Know [GO TO Q59]
- Prefer not to answer [GO TO Q59]

**58. How has your opinion changed?**

*Probe: Would you say your opinion is:*

- More accepting of female circumcision
- Less accepting of female circumcision
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

## SECTION J. EDUCATION

**59. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?**

- No formal school
- Less than a high school diploma
- High school diploma or GED
- Some college credit, no degree
- Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)
- Bachelor's degree or higher (for example: BA, BS, MA, MS, MD, PhD, etc)
- Don't Know
- Prefer not to answer

**60. Have you ever attended school in the U.S.?**

- Yes
- No [END OF SURVEY]
- Prefer not to answer

**61. Are you attending school now?**

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer