

Table 1 Gynaecological interventions in girls and young unmarried women involving forensic consultation: summary of 12 cases

Case no.	Age (years)	Diagnosis	Procedure ^a	Hymen status	Forensic documentation
1	8	Vaginal foreign body	Exploration and removal	Intact	File notes
2	6	Vaginal foreign body	Removal	Old tear	Report
3	4	Fall with genital injury	Exploration and repair	Recent tear	Report
4 ^b	8	Road accident with pelvic injury and fractures	Exploration and repair	Recent tear	Report
5	22	Suspected vesicovaginal fistula	Exploration	Absent, with small remnant of hymen	Report
6	27	Suspected recto-vaginal fistula	Exploration	Intact	File notes
7	20	Large cervical polyp protruding through hymen	Exploration and excision	Intact	File notes
8	28	Cervical polyp	Exploration and excision	Intact	File notes
9	21	Imperforate hymen	Partial excision	Annular	Report
10 ^b	35 days	Imperforate hymen	Partial excision	Annular	File notes, report postponed
11	19	Abscess in labia minora	Evacuation	Unexamined	File notes
12	19	Perineal abscess	Evacuation	Unexamined	File notes

^aProcedures were carried out under general anaesthesia.

^bConsultation of these cases for the gynaecologist and the forensic physician was carried out by a paediatric surgeon.