



Highland Human Rights Clinic

# Terms and Definitions

## Immigration Status:

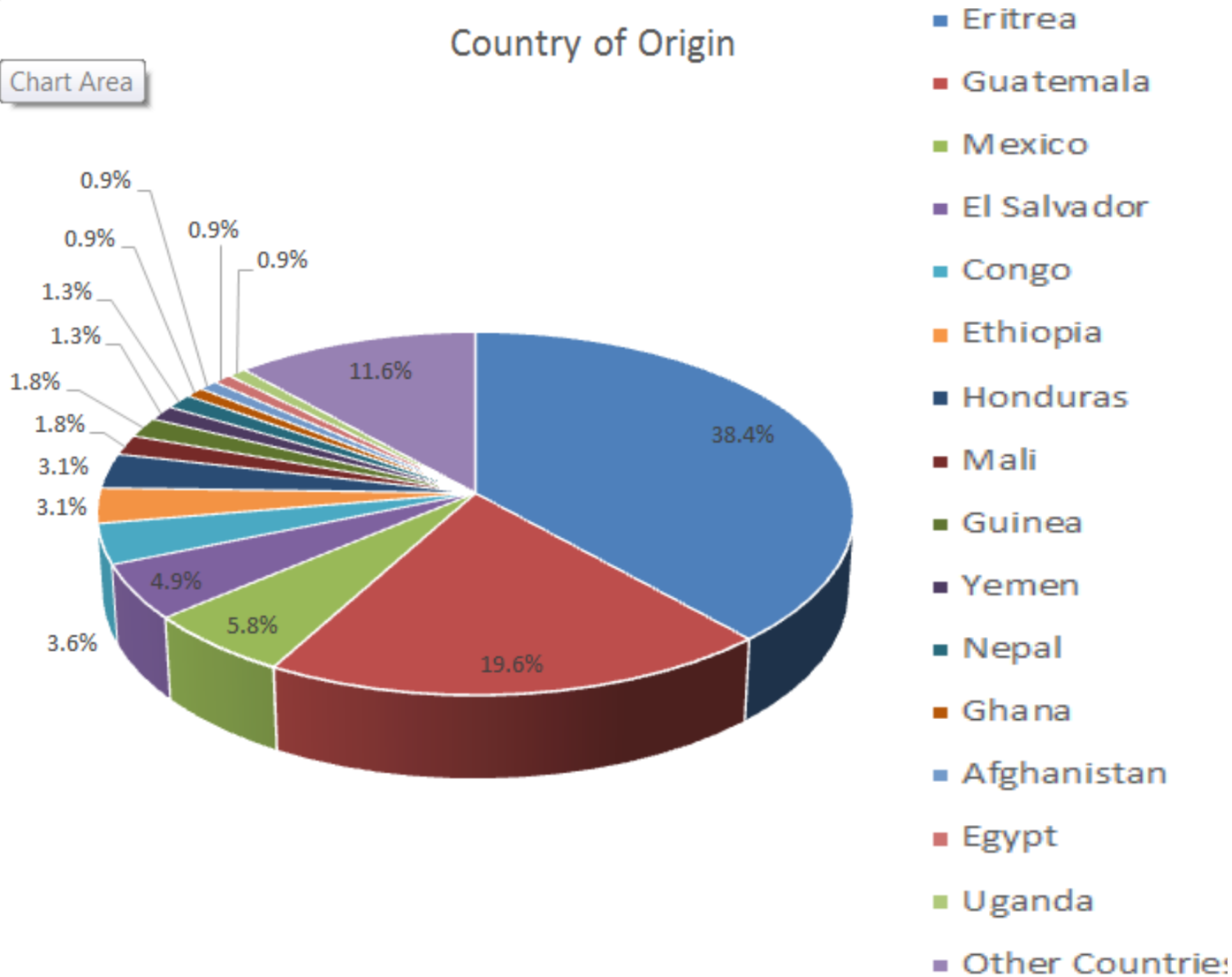
- **Refugee:** granted status in country of origin. Has had health screening there.
- **Asylum Seeker:** got here by legal or illegal means, typically has had no health screening.
- **Asylee:** Granted asylum here, may or may not have had any medical attention.
- **U-Visa:** Special visa for victims of crime (here).
- **T-Visa:** Special visa for victims of sexual trafficking.



# Who Are Our Patients?

Country of Origin

Chart Area



# Who Are Our patients?

- Approximately 230 patients
- More than half are female
- Majority from Eritrea and Guatamala
- 59 % Torture
- 32% FGM: Majority Type IIb





# Recurring Themes

- Eritrea: Military conscription, prolonged imprisonment under inhumane conditions, forced positioning, beating.
- Guatemala: anti-indigenous racism, vigilante group conscription, short imprisonments, beating, rape, particularly indigenous women.
- El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala: gang-based violence, gunshot wounds, kidnapping and torture, rape, IPV. Persecution of LGBTQ.

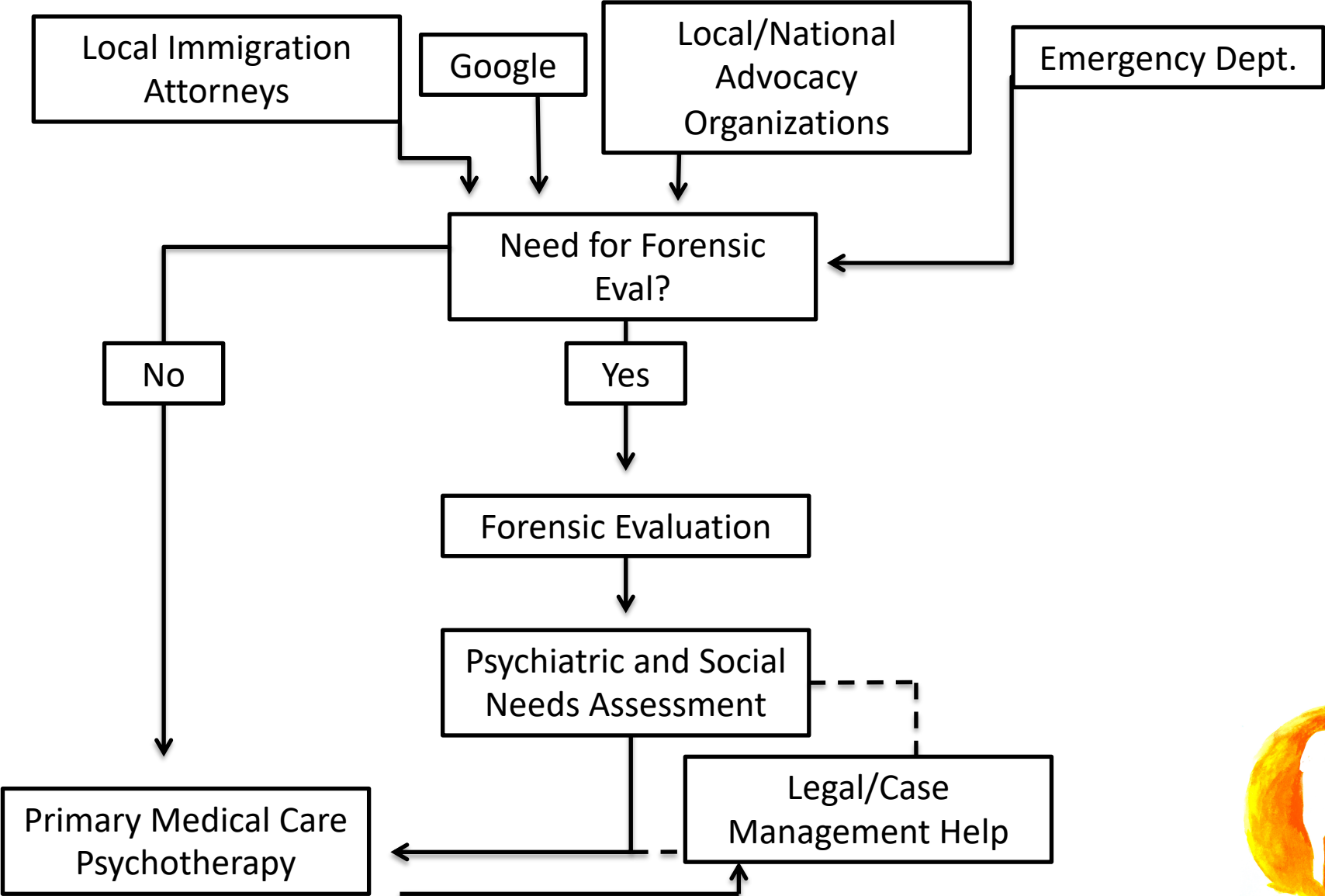


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- Mexico: persecution of LGBTQ, IPV, cartel-based violence, pts often bystanders who are caught up by cartels or by police.
- West Africa: Persecution of LGBTQ. Politically based violence with assassinations, imprisonments and beatings.
- FGM: Mainly Type II in Eritrea and Ethiopia, more Type III in West Africa.



# Current Process

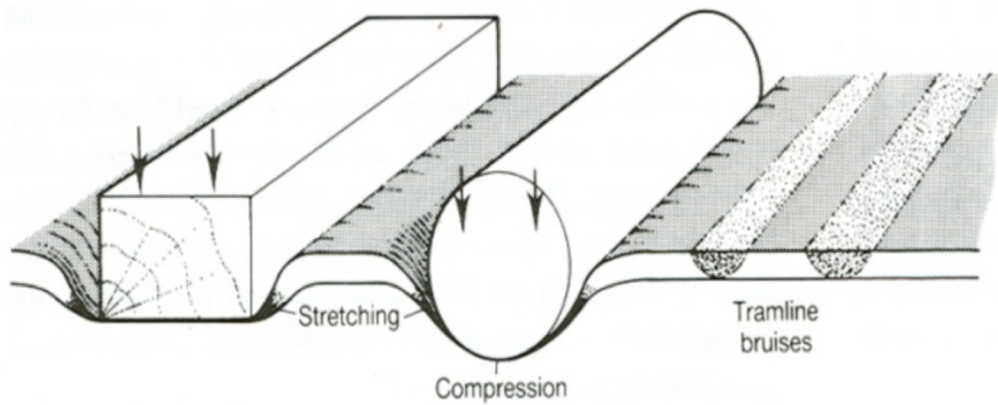


# Physical and Psychological Evidence of Torture/Abuse

- Dermatologic
  - Scars
- Musculoskeletal
  - Bony and ligamentous injuries
- Neurologic
  - Peripheral neurologic deficits
  - TBI



# Specific Signs: Tramlines



# Specific Signs: Ligature Scars





# Specific Signs: Burns



# Psychological Sequelae of Torture

- PTSD
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Somatic Symptoms

