I. FGCS Statistics in the US
Few records are kept about FGCS. No group records labia surgeries as a separate category, but “vagina rejuvenation” could include labia cutting.

American Society for Plastic Surgeons: 2005, 2006 statistics
Vaginal rejuvenation 2005: 793
2006: 1,030 (30% increase)
Genital surgeries are NOT listed in ASPS 2007 statistics!

American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery: 2007 statistics
Vaginal Rejuvenation 2007: 4506
18 and under - 110 (2.4%)
19-34 - 1716 (38.1%)
35-50 - 2449 (54.4%)
51-64 - 230 (5.1%)

II. Website with many different surgeons’ before and after photos
These show better than anything how the range of normal, beautiful vulvas is reduced to a uniform “look.” The “before” pictures stigmatise women’s genitals.
http://www.labiaplastysurgeon.com/

III. Good journalism coverage of FGCS issues
These stories present good information and allow a range of voices to be heard.

Todd Spivak (May 11, 2006) Houston Press. “In the Pink”

“A Spa for Those Women Concerned About ’Pelvic Fitness’”
http://www.nytimes.com/2008/07/03/fashion/03SkinOne.html

Jessica Brinton (June 29, 2008) The Sunday (UK) Times
“The man who wants to reshape your private parts”
http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/health/features/article4211836.ece
IV: Research showing reduced sensation and sexual function in women who had genital surgery in infancy

Infant surgeries are not the same as adult procedures, but these studies suggest how damaging surgery in these delicate areas can be.


V. Research on women who have had FGCS as adults

There are very few studies that tell us about the consequences of adult surgery.


VI. Academic analyses of FGCS
These papers in medical and social science journals examine the issues in depth.


Tiefer, L. (2008) Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery: Freakish or Inevitable? Analysis from Medical Marketing, Bioethics, and Feminist Theory. Feminism & Psychology, 18, 466-479 Abstract on http://fap.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/18/4/466

VII. Appreciating genital diversity
Materials that would be helpful for women discontented or questioning about their genitals.


http://www.scarleteen.com/resource/advice/betty_dodsons_vulva_illustrations
http://www.scarleteen.com/article/advice/giveem_some_lip_labia_that_clearly_aint_minor

http://www.channel4.com/health/microsites/G/g-spot/perfect-vagina/how-to-love-your-vagina.html
http://www.channel4.com/health/microsites/G/g-spot/perfect-vagina/gallery_3_jamie-pictures.html

“How to Love your vagina” tips from British TV show and plastercasts of diverse vulvas

Betty Dodson self-help sex ed videos, especially “Viva La Vulva” and “Selfloving: Portrait Of A Women's Sexuality Seminar”
http://www.dodsonandross.com/boutique/videos

Betty Dodson Genital Art Gallery. Dozens of amateur photos of genitals; Betty posted them to celebrate the beauty of genital diversity and the diversity of genital beauty. Click on each one to read essay submitted along with photo.
http://www.dodsonandross.com/gallery