

Priority Topic: GENDER SPECIFIC ISSUES

Key Features:

1. In the assessment of clinical problems that might **present differently in men and women**, maintain an **inclusive differential diagnosis** that allows for these differences (e.g., women with coronary artery disease, depression in males).

What you should study:

- ✓ Stroke Prevention in Women AAFP 2015
- ✓ Perinatal Depression in Men AAFP 2016
- ✓ CVD Prevention in Women AAFP 2012
- ✓ Diagnosis of CAD in Women 2015
- ✓ Coronary Artery Disease in Women 2013
- ✓ Gender Perceptions in Eating Disorders
- ✓ Treatment challenges in Men with Eating Disorders CMAJ 2013
- ✓ Sexual Dysfunction in Women AAFP 2015
- ✓ Men and Sexual Assault AASAS

2. As part of caring for women with health concerns, assess the **possible contribution of domestic violence**.

What you should study: Remember: also assess the possible impact of Intimate Partner Violence in men!

- See also Priority Topic: Domestic Violence
- ✓ Intimate Partner Violence AAFP 2016
- ✓ EM Cases BCE 65: Intimate Partner Violence
- ✓ Male Victims of IPV Factsheet
- ✓ Men as victims of IPV 2011

3. When men and women present with [stress-related health concerns](#), assess the possible contribution of [role-balancing issues](#) (e.g., work-life balance or between partners).

What you should study:

- ✓ [Gender and Stress APA](#)
- ✓ [Gender Roles and Traits in Stress and Health 2015](#)

4. Establish office policies and practices to ensure [patient comfort and choice](#), especially with [sensitive examinations](#) (e.g., positioning for Pap, chaperones for genital/rectal exams).

What you should study: not sure how this would come up on an exam, but this is an interesting guideline on Pelvic Exams

- ✓ [Pelvic Exams by Medical Students SOGC 2010](#)

5. Interpret and [apply research evidence](#) for your patients in light of [gender bias present in clinical studies](#) (e.g., ASA use in women).

What you should study:

- ✓ [Gender bias in Clinical Research](#) Sorry - I don't have a resource on specific studies with gender bias, but you can assume it's most of them! I think the idea of this KF is to pay attention to gender bias when applying evidence-based medicine in your clinical practice.