The Old View to the New View and Beyond:

Changing Priorities and Challenges of Teaching Women's Health

Jean Levitan, Ph.D. and Karen Hicks, Ph.D.

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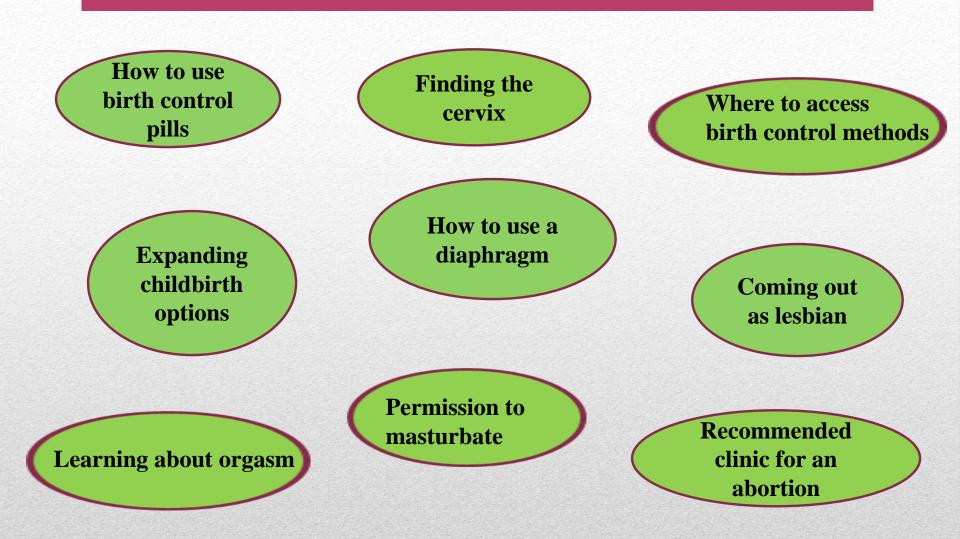
What do you see as changing priorities and challenges for teaching women's health topics in 2016 and moving forward?

Provide 1-2 critical resources that you use in your course To teach women's healthy sexuality Women's health courses began to enter the undergraduate curriculum in the 1970's.

Jean developed course in 1974...Karen in 1990.

Dr. Pat Hanson's dissertation at New York University in the late 1970's (completed early 1980's) looked at the curricular integration of women's health topics to other disciplines.

A brief history....

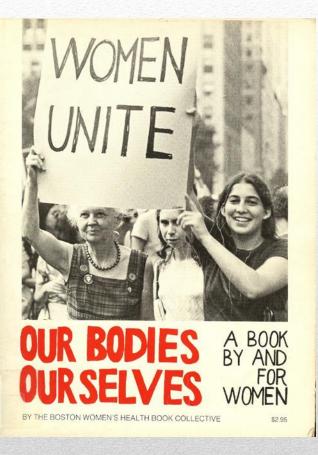


Student priorities then

Exploring Sexuality



Betty Dodson's *Liberating Masturbation*





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A guide to arkiering organs... "A tap-flight book that should be read not only by some but by their partners." -Mary Culdervise, M.D. Ensatin Director, its Information and Education Countly of the Data Status

Lonnie Garfield Barbach

Resources-1970's



Joani Blank, M.P.H. (died August, 2016)

Good Vibrations

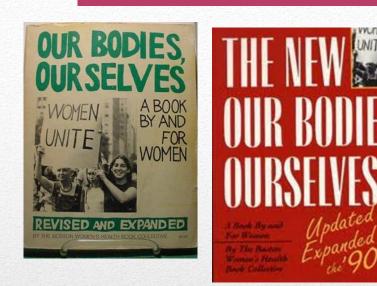
Store in San Francisco-1977 Catalogue

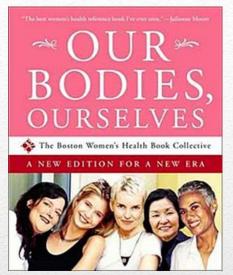


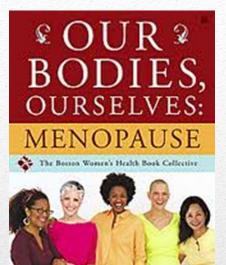
Eve's Garden

Dell Williams opened feminist sex shop New York City - 1974 Catalogue

Welcome to vibrators...

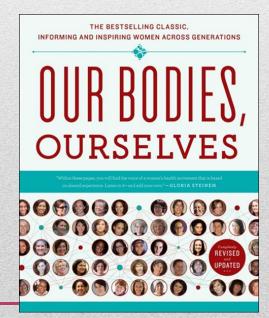


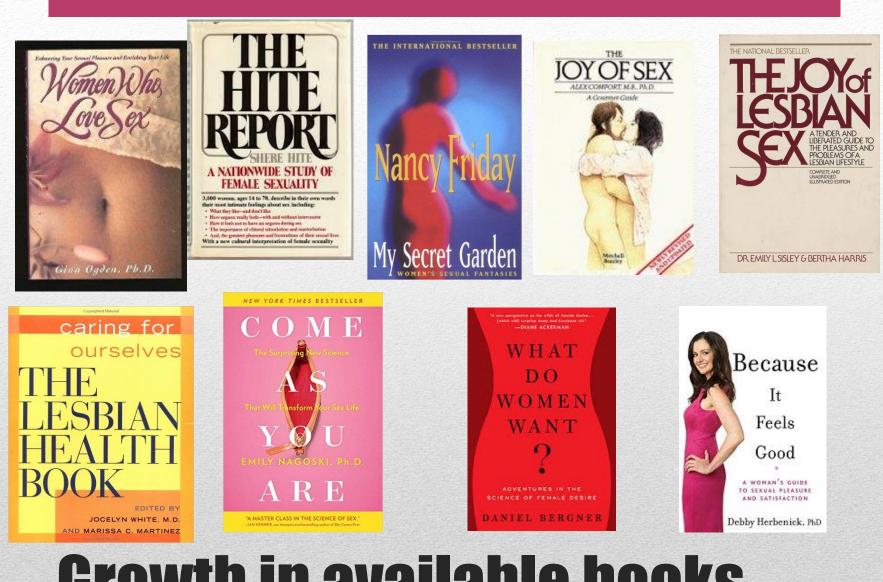




www.ourbodiesourselves.org Now a comprehensive website

Moving through the decades



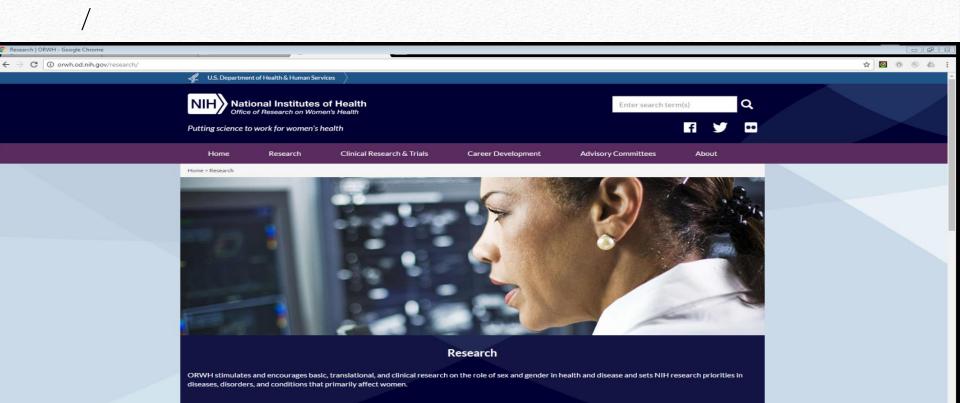


Growth in available books

http://womenshealth.gov/aging/sexual-health/



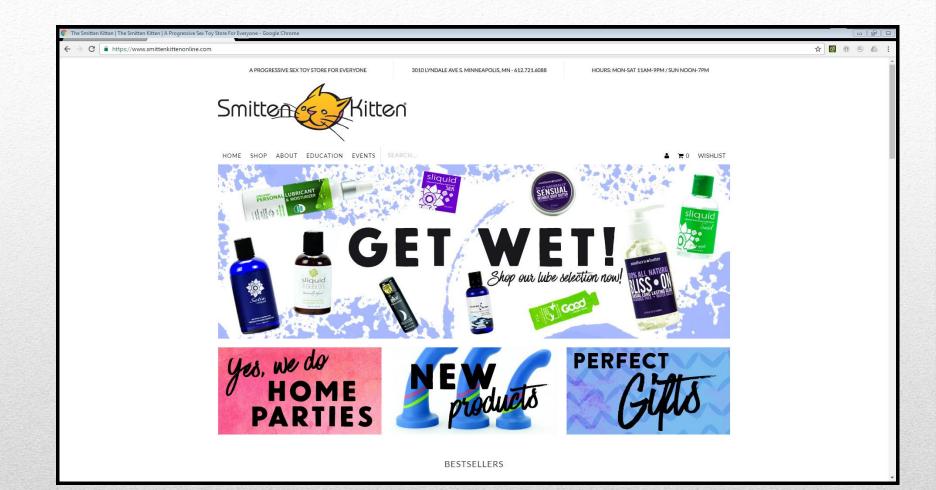
Office of Women's Health



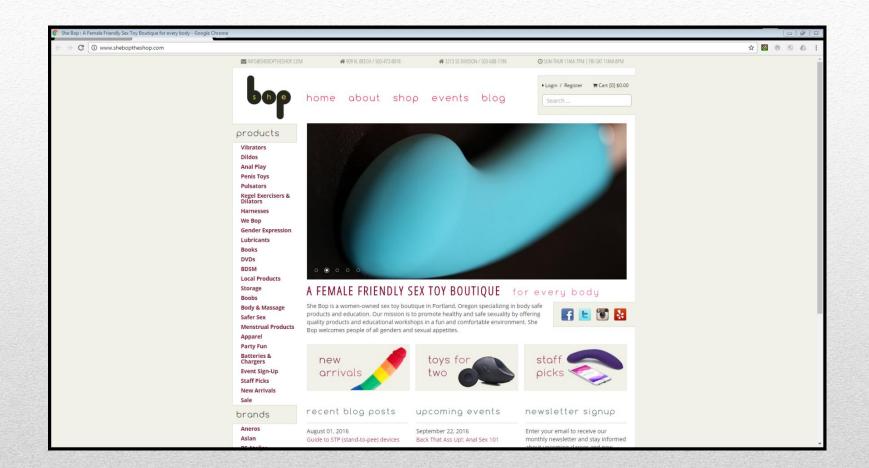
NIH Strategic Goals for Women's Health

Guiding NIH's efforts in this area are six goals outlined in its strategic plan, Moving into the Future with New Dimensions and Strategies for Women's Health Research: A Vision for 2020 for Women's Health Research:

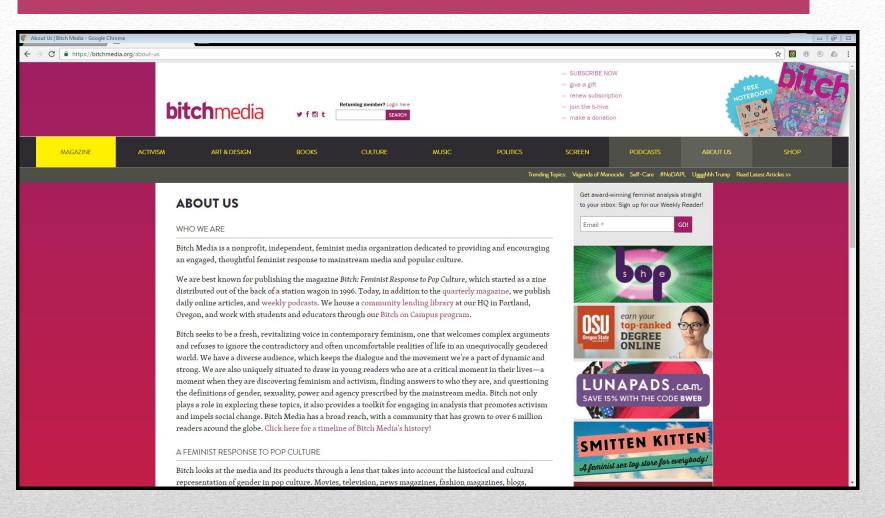
Office of Research on Women's Health http://orwh.od.nih.gov/research



https://www.smittenkittenonline.com/



http://www.sheboptheshop.com/



https://bitchmedia.org/article/oh-joysex-toy-dangers-douching

UK 16 SEPTEMBER 2016 How a 3D printed clitoris could change women's sex lives



Learning the truth

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17 Lies We Need to Stop Teaching Girls About Sex



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6. Too much sex will stretch you out.



Nothing like the old "hot dog down a hallway" analogy to scare young women away from safe, consensual promiscuity. The truth is, women differ in size just like men do. The vagina is like a rubber band, and unless you're regularly getting down with fire hose, you should be fine.

Similarly, having a baby will not "ruin" your vagina. Many women report feeling different down there after childbirth (the post-baby healing process depends on a variety of factors like age, the size of the baby and your commitment to Kegels), but we should really be teaching girls to accept their differences as normal and natural — not as new-found flaws.

Image Credit: Bill Ebbesen via Flickr

7. Women don't think about sex very much.

The lies dissected.. <u>https://mic.com/articles/88029/17-lies-we-need-to-stop-</u> <u>teaching-girls-about-sex#.EUj25BMIi</u>

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender-LGBT The Mautner Project of Whitman-Walker Health http://www.whitman-walker.org/mautnerproject

LGBTQ Resource Center •https://lavenderhealth.org/

National Center for Transgender Equality •<u>http://www.transequality.org/know-your-rights/healthcare</u>

Services expanded

Our colleagues will focus in greater depth on the intersectionality of race, class, gender, and orientation must be part of the discussion.

Back in the 1970's, there was clearly a white, middle class, heterosexual bias.





Challenging the questions asked and answers provided...

Messages to women:

- Reduce reliance on cosmetics
- Consider not shaving- legs and armpits
- Go without a bra
- Love and accept your body
- Critique dangerous impact of advertising



A New Film Presentation....

KILLING US SOFTLY:

A unique analysis of one of the most powerful forces in our society.

Jean Kilbourne, 1979

1970's...Messages about body image

Challenges-

Tattoos, piercings, pube shaving Labiaplasty

More plastic surgery options...and they're wanting them! Link to: thevaginainstitute.com

2000's

- <u>http://everydayfeminism.com/2016/01/when-beauty-equals-white/</u>
- The Century Project.com
- You tube of Betty Dodson drawing genitalia
- You tube: clitoris: forbidden pleasure (film)
- Facebook: vulvart

Great resources on the internet...

- Female genital mutilation
- Female cosmetogynocology

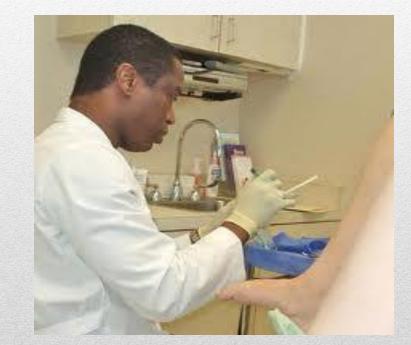
The effect of pornography on girls/women http://thecentrefoldproject.virb.com



- Vajazzling.com (decorating the labia, etc)
- Piercing the labia
- Anal bleaching
- Vaginal rejuvenation
- Vaginoplasty

Obsession with genitalia





The G Shot ca. 2008

0-SHOT Philadelphia, PA | Bala Cynwyd O-SHOT - Google Chrome

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The O-Shot (2013) www.worldwellnesshealth.com/o-shot-philadelphia

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Why More Teen Girls Are Getting Genital Plastic Surgery Rachel Simmons, Time, May 12, 2016. <u>http://time.com/4327126/teen-girls-implants-genital-plastic-surgery</u>

The Vagina Institute

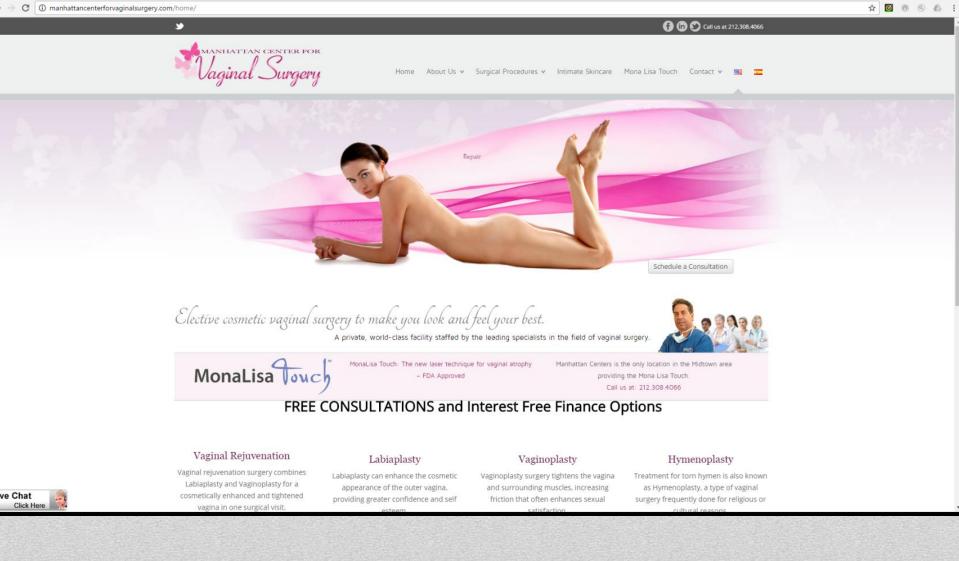
www.thevaginainstitute.com

"The Vagina Institute specializes in collecting, analyzing and processing data relevant to human sexuality and sexual organs as well as related information focused on female and male preferences. The data and information consists of all visible external parts of human genitalia and internal structures of the reproductive system, as well as human sexual practices and rituals."

Interest in labiaplasty

Cosmetic Vaginal Surgery NYC: Amazing and Natural Results - Google Chron

C () manhattancenterforvaginalsurgery.com/home/



over Labiaplasty? Doctor Answers, Tips - Google Chrome

https://www.realself.com/question/Insurance-cover-labiaplasty

Does Insurance Cover Labiaplasty?

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Do gyn doctors also do this type of surgery? Is it covered by insurance or is it only done with cash?

Doctor Answers (22)

Promoted Local Answer 🚯 Insurance does not cover most labiaplasties

December 8th, 2014

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Medical insurance covers the treatment of labial and vulvar diseases. While labiaplasty may occasionally be done to treat diseases that involve the labia (like cancer, hidradenitis, etc), most insurance companies will balk at covering the procedure for symptoms limited to discomfort or appearance issues. If you wish to undergo a labiaplasty for these common symptoms, you can usually obtaining financing through several national lenders or get a loan from a credit union if you have decent credit.

Web reference: http://www.lvr-nj.com/labiaplasty.html



1,403 Labiaplasty questions answered

Read Marco A. Pelosi III, MD's answers

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LABIAPLASTY PICTURES



Before & afters from doctors (1390)







Pedy Ganchi, MD Ridgewood Plastic Surgeon **** 67 Reviews (201) 345-1147 Visit Website >



John R. Miklos, MD, MS Atlanta Urogynecologist **** 9 Reviews (770) 467-3391 Visit Website >



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What becomes normalized?

Contraception v. Contragestion

Today's Choices

1960 birth control pill

1965 Griswold v. Connecticut

1972 Eisenstadt/Baird

1973 Roe v. Wade

Major U.S. Supreme Court Cases 1965-2007 https://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/6113/9611/6576/major_ scrulings_04-07.pdf

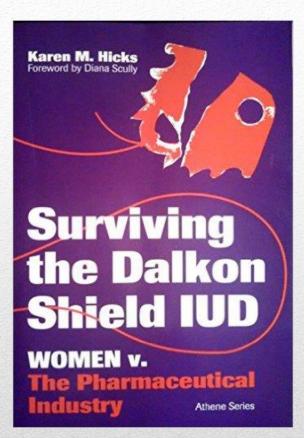
Contraception Evolution

• Diaphragm, creams/jellies

• Birth control pill

• IUDs

Popular methods in the 1970's



The Cadillac of Contraception

- LARCs (new name/new IUDs)- Skyla, Liletta, Mirena, Paraguard
- More pills different dosing, continuous use
- Injectables for whom?
- Inserts- Implanon
- Essure (sterilization)- 2015 bad press

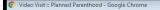
And now?

Culture change--



Reliance on cellphones vs. computers vs. books

There's an app for that



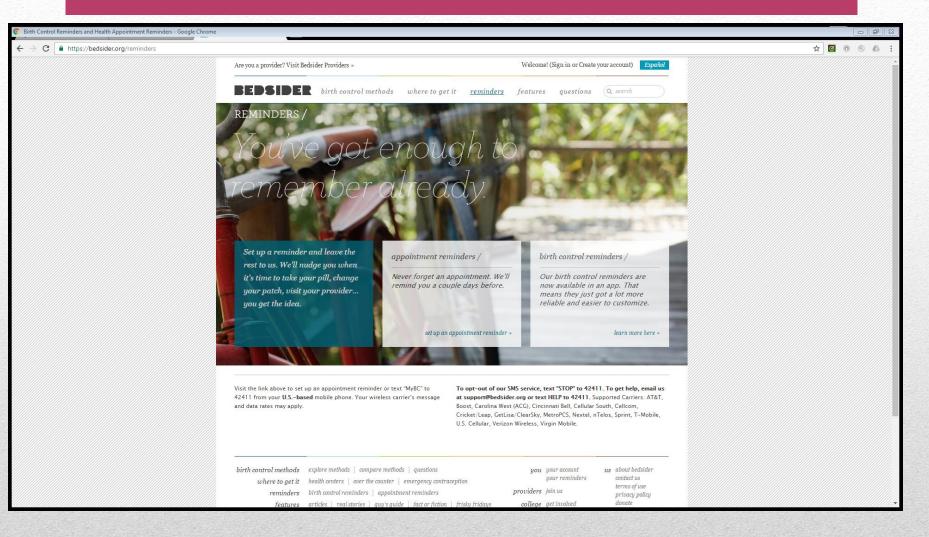
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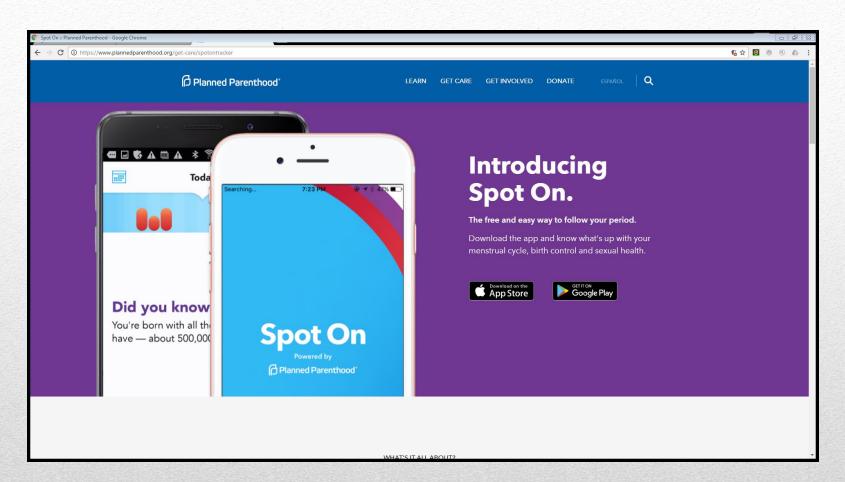
(Questions? See our FAQs.

https://www.plannedparenthood.org/getcare/online/video-visit

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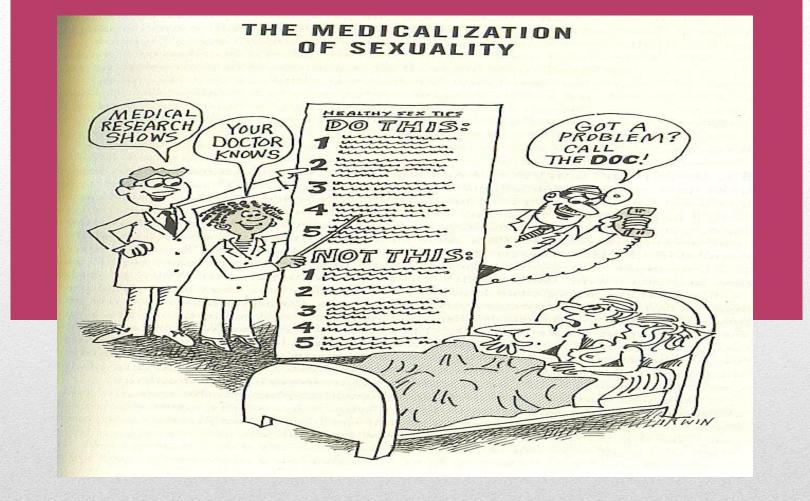
Two Days, Four Major Victories for Reproductive Rights at the Supreme Court

On the debates around abortion, contraception, and religion, the justices have said their piece. HANNAH LEVINTOVA JUN. 29, 2016 6:00 AM



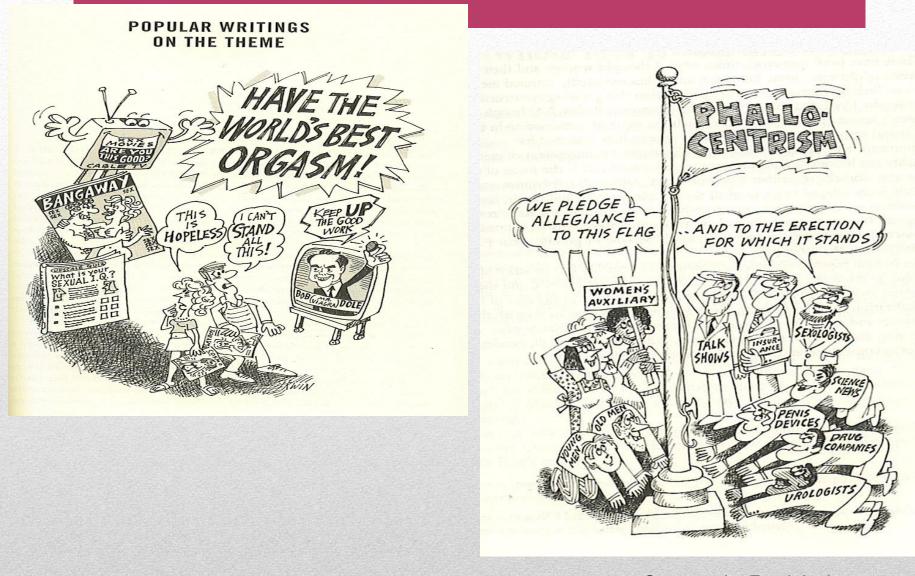
Mother Jones Report http://www.motherjones.com/politics/2016/06/two-days-fourvictories-reproductive-rights-supreme-court

The medicalization of sexual problems

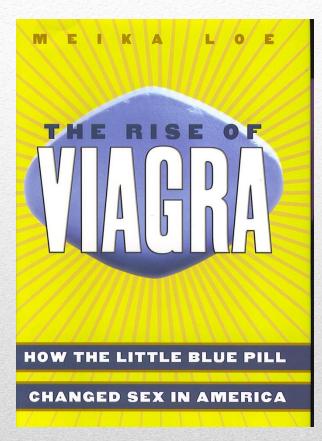


Cartoon by Frank Irwin

Begins in earnest ca. 1990s



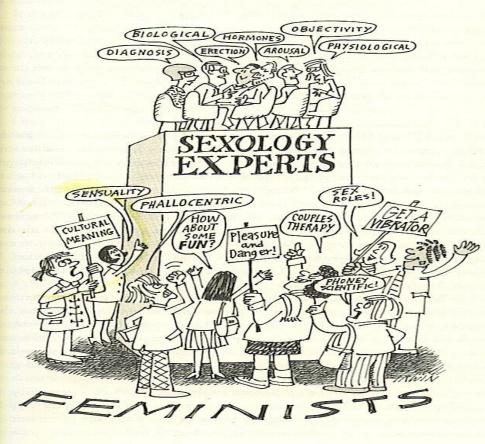
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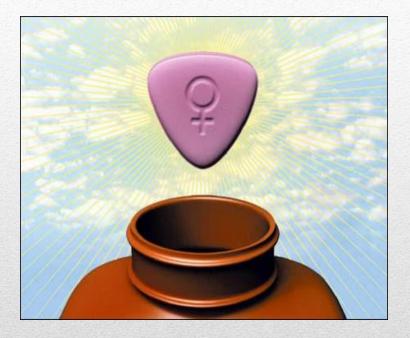
1998 Viagra Revolution

FEMINISM AND SEXUALITY

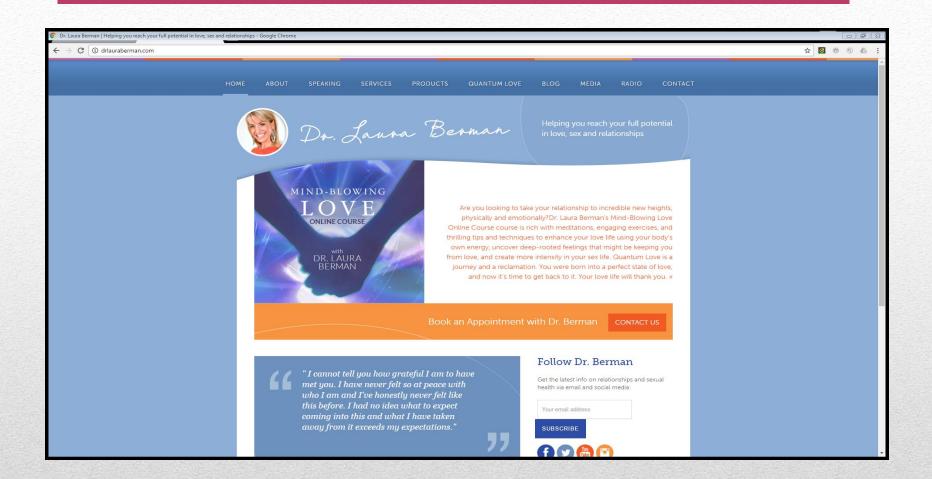


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But what CAUSES women's dysfunctions??



Androgen deficiency? Neurotransmitters?



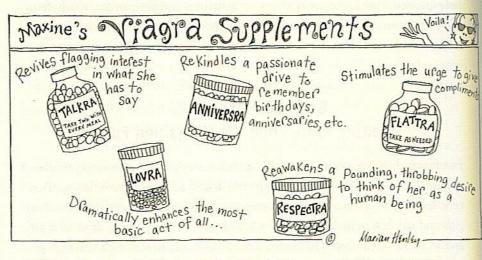
Laura Berman - Viagra For Women *For Women Only* (first edition pub. 2000)

A New View of Women's Sexual Problems

Ellyn Kaschak Leonore Tiefer Editors

www.newviewcampaign.org

New View Debut 2001



A "Maxine" cartoon by Marian Henley. Reprinted by permission of the artist.

Consider deleting?

2004

Testosterone patch Intrinsa (Proctor & Gamble)

2010

Flibanserin #1 (Boehringer-Ingelheim)

2013-2015 Flibanserin #2 #3 #4 (Sprout Pharmaceutical)

FDA Hearings 2010, 2014

Novelty: FDA Patient Focused Drug Development meeting-October





Liz Canner, 2009

l'd Rather Eat Chocolate

Learning to Love My Low Libido



Joan Sewell

2008

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August 2015 FDA announcement

"Addyi is a serotonin 1A receptor agonist and a serotonin 2A receptor antagonist, but the mechanism by which the drug improves sexual desire and related distress is not known. Addyi is taken once daily. It is dosed at bedtime to help decrease the risk of adverse events occurring due to possible hypotension, syncope and central nervous system depression (such as sleepiness and sedation). "

FDA Approves Addyi

Top 10 Things To Know About

Addyi is the first FDA approved drug to treat hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) in premenopausal women. Whether you're considering speaking with your clinician about Addyi or just interested in learning more about this new drug, it is important to know the facts. P.

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Addyi has only been tested in a small subset of women.

The participants who enrolled in the initial clinical trials for Addyi were premenopausal, heterosexual, and generally very healthy women. The overwhelming majority of these women identified as White (>85%), non-Hispanic (>86%), and non-smokers (>85%). Given the extensive list of exclusion criteria for the trials, the extent to which the trials' results can be generalized to the public is unknown.

Addyi may cause sudden prolonged unconsciousness.

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Addyi causes central nervous system depression. During clinical trials, women who used Addyi were more likely to experience dangerously low blood pressure, dizziness, and even loss of consciousness than women taking placebo. These studies also revealed a higher incidence of accidental injury in women who used Addyi.

Alcohol should be avoided when taking Addyi.

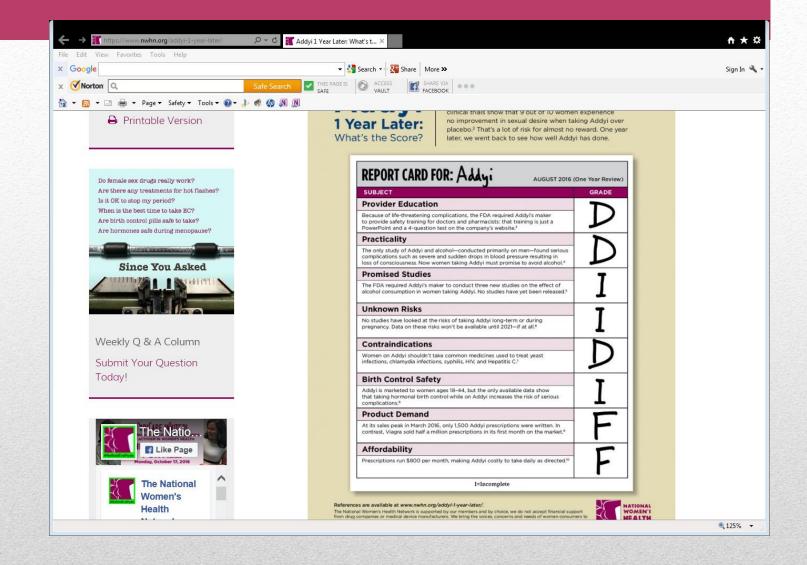
Women may experience fatigue, low blood pressure, and fainting when using Addyi, all conditions which may be exacerbated when drinking alcohol. Women who are moderate drinkers (compared to heavy drinkers) may experience these effects more dramatically. The FDA asked Sprout (the company that owed Addyi) to conduct a safety study assessing these risks, but only two of the 25 participants in the alcohol safety study were women. Because the risks of using alcohol with Addyi are still unknown, the FDA is counting on women to abstain from alcohol permanently despite there being no known strategy to ensure people are able to do this in the long term.



Hormonal contraceptives may interfere with Addyi.

Some adverse events, including sleepiness (somnolence), dizziness and fatigue,

National Women's Health Network https://www.nwhn.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/10/NWHN_Addyi_Fact_Sheet_P2.pdf



Addyi Report Card-1 year later

https://www.nwhn.org/addyi-1-year-later

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#DON'T NEED DRUGS TO SCORE

MYTH: There is a gender disparity regarding FDA-approved treatments for sexual dysfunction.

FACT: The FDA has never approved any drug for "male sexual dysfunction." No drug for men has been FDAapproved specifically for increasing libido. The FDA has approved drugs to treat erectile dysfunction or hypogonadism in conditions such as Klinefelter's, a genetic disorder in which men have an extra chromosome. No drug for men has been approved specifically for any sexual dysfunction other than erectile dysfunction.

MYTH: There are 26 drugs that are FDA-approved for male sexual dysfunction and no drugs approved for women.

FACT: This is false. Eight products have been FDAapproved for erectile dysfunction and some of these drugs are identical (see table). The "26 drugs" have never been disclosed.

Pharmed OUTORG

"Even the score" is not a grassroots feminist movement: it is an industry-funded social media campaign to promote flibanserin.

> MYTH: 43% of women suffer from sexual dysfunction.

FACT: A 15-year-old study reported that 43% of women have a sexual concern; however, concerns ranged from trivial and temporary to persistent and distressing. The lead author stated that the study was never MYTH: Women's groups support the concept that the FDA is sexist.

FACT: Women's groups that don't take money from pharmaceutical companies support the FDA's decision on filbanserin.²

MYTH: The FDA is sexist for not approving drugs for female sexual dysfunction

FACT: As a coalition of consumer advocacy groups puts it: "The problem with flibanserin is not gender bias at the FDA but the drug itself...The FDA wisely rejected flibanserin in 2010 because it failed to meet effectiveness standards...In 2013, the FDA again did not approve flibanserin

d because the minimal benefits in increasing women's sexual satisfaction were offset

Just Say NO to Drugs?

http://newviewcampaign.org/userfiles/file/Pharmed%20Out.pdf

- Topical alprostadil
- Bremelanotide
- Intranasal testosterone
- Intravaginal DHEA
- Sublingual testosterone with sildenafil
- Apomorphine
- Bupropion
- Trazadone

In the Pharma Pipeline

How to be effective?

How to connect with students?

Teaching Sexuality Today

Students may major or complete a minor in Women's and Gender Studies.

Reproductive choice, body image, sexuality spectrum, big Pharma...discussed not just in women's health classes.



- Undergraduates are predominantly 18-23
- What topics interest them? Where do instructors put their emphasis?

Body image? Sexual identity? Pregnancy/childbirth/lactation ? Birth Control Methods/abortion- choice, politics? Menstruation/menopause? New sexual medicines?

Developmental Issues

Books? Social Media? Internet sites?

- Government websites
- Non-profit websites
- YouTube links
- Blogs

Course Resources Can they critically assess sources?

- Few sexuality-trained experts (Ph.D)
- Interdisciplinary mandate
- Electives v. required courses
- Sexual health and public health imperative
- "Diversity" of sexual orientations/expressions
- Socioeconomic factors/differences

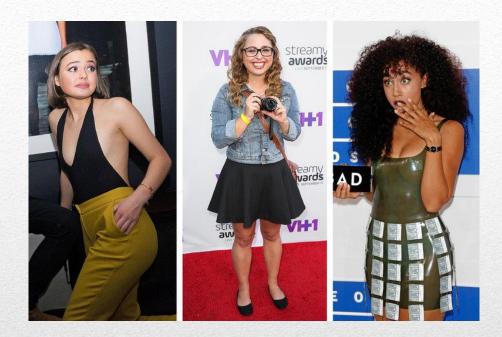
Teaching Health Today Conversation with Professor 1 – social work

- Feminism is not the primary template
- Social/environmental impacts on sexual health
- Lifespan differences
- Reproductive justice
- Intersection with SES/ethnicity/race
- Power dynamics in health care
- Students mostly in biological sciences and women and gender

Teaching Health Today conversation with Professor 2 – Public Health

- Little knowledge of herstory in sexual activism
- Fairly unfamiliar with in-depth anatomical information
- Sex saturated and learning from porn
- Uncritical acceptance of sexual medicine experts
- Pop culture icons
- Electronic/Internet resources dependent
- Not enough anger
- Little evidence of a reduction in the harmful messages
- More, not less, cosmetic surgery options and more openness to trying things





From left, Eileen Kelly, Laci Green and Shannon Boodram.

"The very thing that makes their work so compelling also risks limiting their careers. For the internet's sex-ed personalities, getting older may be the only taboo."

The Sex-Ed Queens of YouTube Don't Need a Ph.D. http://nyti.ms/2d1WuAH Amanda Hess, NY Times 9-30-16

Handout: Textbooks, Selected books, suggested websites (.org), documentaries and drama

Expanding options-- TED talks, ".com" sites, YouTube clips, etc.

- www.sexgeekdom.com
- The-clitoris.com and 3dvulva.com (no longer on web)
- <u>http://afterdinnerparty.com</u>
- <u>www.sexsmartfilms.com</u>

Resources

