

We can deliver more breakthroughs in women's health — starting now.



1

Women experience health issues differently, disproportionately, and uniquely.

99% of studies on the biology of aging fail to consider menopause.

A transition that affects half the world's population.

[How Gaps in Research Lead to Gaps in Care for Aging Women](#)

Women account for 80% of patients with autoimmune diseases.

Which are chronic and, in many cases, debilitating.

[NIH, 'Autoimmune Disease Research'](#)

Simply being a woman doubles the risk of dementia.

We do not know why.

[NIH, Differences Between Women and Men in Incidence Rates of Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease, Jan 2019](#)

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for women globally.

Yet we know little about what drives differences in disease development and progression between women and men.

['Representation of women in heart failure clinical trials: Barriers to enrollment and strategies to close the gap', American Heart Journal, Jan 2022.](#)

2

We are chronically underinvested in women's health research.

In 2020, less than 2% of \$471.4B in philanthropy directly benefitted women and girls.

And less than 0.3% went to women's health.

[The Women & Girls Index 2023: Measuring Giving to Women's and Girls' Organizations, October 2023.](#)

In 2023, less than 10% of NIH's \$48.4B budget was focused on women's health.

Low levels of funding relative to other areas means top scientific talent is not attracted or retained to work on women's health issues.

[Estimates of Funding for Various Research, Condition, and Disease Categories \(RCDC\) Table Published: May 14, 2024](#)



The lack of research in women's health is felt in the real lives of billions of women: girls miss school, women spend 25% more of their lives in poor health compared to men¹. They are held back from thriving and exercising their power. It is a fundamental barrier to equity and social progress.

['Sex disparities in diabetes: bridging the gap', Nov 2017 Lancet](#)

Women's health conditions are treated like medical mysteries, instead of solvable problems that we can diagnose and treat — if only we invest in the research needed to do so.

We have the power to change this.

We can generate breakthroughs in years, not decades.

3

Closing the women's health gap is a moral and economic imperative.

Closing the women's health gap could inject more than \$1 Trillion into the global economy annually by 2040.

Today's global women's health gap equates to 75M years of life lost due to poor health or early death.

Investing in women's health shows positive return on investment: for every \$1 invested, approximately \$3 of growth is projected.

[World Economic Forum in collaboration with the McKinsey Health Institute, "Closing the Women's Health Gap: A \\$1 Trillion Opportunity to Improve Lives and Economies", 17 January 2024.](#)