

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



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## 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.](#)

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## 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 men<sup>1</sup>. 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.**

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## 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.](#)

**It's time.**  
**Women have waited long enough.**  
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