

# Sex and gender of the medical staff/Introduction

Medical care is not sex neutral. It is not only the sex of the person to be treated that influences the care process. Another decisive factor can be whether the respective professional staff is female or male. Men and women sometimes make different decisions about diagnosis and treatment. Psychological barriers seem to exist when it comes to asking patients of the opposite sex very personal questions or providing intimate care. This can mean that necessary treatments are not carried out, physicians are less experienced in these examinations and relevant findings are less likely to be made.

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