

How gender shapes interprofessional teamwork in the operating room: a qualitative secondary analysis.

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[Gender bias](#) has been implicated in negatively affecting patient safety. The authors conducted semi-structured interviews to explore how gender and other social identify factors impact experiences and teamwork in the operating room. Researchers found that women being routinely challenged or ignored or perceived negatively when assertive may hinder their pursuit of leadership positions or certain specialties. [Implicit gender bias](#) and stereotypes along with deeply entrenched structural barriers persist and complicate [hierarchical relations between professions](#) – all contributing to breakdowns in communication, increased patient safety risks, and poor team morale.