

The girl who cried pain: a bias against women in the treatment of pain.

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Gender inequities are well-documented in the assessment and [treatment](#) of pain. This review summarizes studies on gender differences in experiences and treatment of pain, and assessment of why these differences exist. Findings show there are many [reasons](#) for the underappreciation and undertreatment of women's pain, including cultural expectations for how pain "should" look and attributing women's pain to emotional or [psychological](#) causes.