

Sex bias in pain management decisions.

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Bias against women is, unfortunately, common in healthcare, which can result in [undertreatment](#). This study analyzed emergency department discharge notes for more than 21,000 patients which showed that physicians and nurses are more likely to [doubt](#) women's pain [reports](#) and prescribe less [pain-relieving](#) medication compared to men with the same self-reported pain score.