



## Engender Database extract

### GEOGRAPHIC

Continent
Europe (EU)

Country
Netherlands

### BASIC DETAILS

Language
Dutch

**Sector:**

Health

**Title (EN):**

Male-female differences in health and healthcare are largely determined by social factors

**Abstract description (EN):**

Women are generally considered the 'weaker sex'.

In relation to health issues, it is not as simple as that. One might even argue that, in this context, men are the weaker sex. Life expectancy, for example, is lower in men than in women due to the fact that men suffer more from chronic conditions and have higher mortality risks. Part of these differences in health can be attributed to biological factors, but social factors seem to play an even more important role. The health gap between men and women might evolve over time and differ between situations. This is illustrated by the decreasing difference in life expectancy between men and women, and by the relatively adverse cardiovascular risk profile of women in immigrant groups compared with the host populations. Within healthcare, differences between men and women are also partly due to social determinants. Examples include the underrepresentation of women in health research as well as in guidelines committees, thereby affecting the production and implementation of medical evidence.

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**Title (Original Language):** Man-vrouw verschillen in gezondheid en zorg zijn voor een groot deel maatschappelijk bepaald

**Abstract description (Original Language):**

Traditioneel gelden vrouwen als het zwakke geslacht. Maar op het terrein van gezondheid en ziekte is dat geen uitgemaakte zaak. Mannen hebben echter vaker aandoeningen waarbij de sterftekans groot is, zoals ischemische hartziekte en kanker, zodat vrouwen ondanks hun grotere ziektelast langer leven dan mannen. Vanuit gezondheids perspectief is er veel voor te zeggen om het etiket 'het zwakke geslacht' niet op vrouwen te plakken, maar op mannen.

**Keywords:** Female, Gender Identity, Health Services, Needs, Demand

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