Gender-Specific Emergency Care

Abstract

Current research indicates there are significant physiologic differences between men and women that may have important clinical implications in the emergency care of patients. This is a two-part video presentation that will review 8 clinical topics applying the "gender lens" as it relates to the practice of emergency medicine. Part 1 will review the following topics: Cardiovascular, Neurology, Sports Medicine and Pain. Part 2 will include: Substance Abuse, Trauma, Pulmonary, and Toxicology.

At the completion of this presentation, participants should be able to describe Concrete examples of physiologic gender differences with significant implications for the clinical practice of Emergency Medicine and illustrate examples of a gender-specific approach to several common disease entities.

Hello

I am Alyson McGregor – The Co-Founder and Director for the Division of Women’s Health in Emergency Care at Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University.

This presentation is designed to Introduce the concept of Sex and Gender and how we can relate this new subspecialty into the clinical practice of Emergency Medicine.

Women make up OVER 50% of the population.

Women are the major consumers of health care and of prescription drugs.

Yet, traditionally, scientific investigators have concentrated on the male patient.

Health care providers are now recognizing the need to improve health outcomes for women.
There is still a lot of work to be done –
Even if we start including women back into the research pipeline
And implementing this new perspective into medical school and residency curricula
We still have to learn to translate this information into clinical practice?
Right NOW...what can we do as EM practitioners to begin to incorporate this new knowledge?

Questions?

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