

The Truth ... About Women's Health



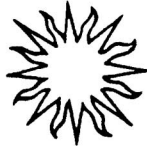
**Last year the federal government spent under \$850,000 dollars on breast cancer research.*

**Approximately 80 % of doctors registered with the Canadian Medical Association are men. This means the majority of Canadian women consult a male physician about health and medical problems.*

**The Canadian Breast Cancer Society, the biggest source of money for cancer research, spent only \$2,000,000 on breast cancer research of an overall budget of \$45,000,000!*



**Women risk their lives using oral contraceptives, yet alternative safe methods of birth control are rarely promoted by health practitioners even though the adverse effects of the pill far outweighs any positive benefit.*



**Approximately 63 % of all surgical operations are performed on women.*

**Women are twice as likely, as men, to be prescribed mood altering drugs and they receive more prescriptions for drugs overall.*



**The allocation of research dollars is controlled largely by male researchers, physicians, and scientists. It is no wonder that highly funded projects reflect male concerns. And those affecting*

women continue to be underfunded.

**A report done by the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women concluded that women represent 75% of the workers in the health care system, but they hold only 17% of the executive positions.*

**The awareness of incidence of sexual harassment of women by male health care practitioners has increased so much over the last decade that the College of Physicians and Surgeons has set up a hot line for complaints.*

**In one study three major surgeries were evaluated to determine whether their prevalence was justified: appendectomy (removal of the appendix), prostatectomy (removal of the prostate, male surgery) and hysterectomy (removal of the uterus, female surgery).*

The report concluded that the appendectomy and prostatectomy - surgeries were justified, however, over 40% of hysterectomies done were unwarranted.



**One in nine women in Canada will become a victim of breast cancer in her lifetime. 50% of these women will die from it.*



**Women use the medical system about 25% more than men, not because they are sicker, but because many normal and healthy events in women's lives are treated as medical conditions.*



**Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women age 35 - 54.*

**The medical establishment in North America holds the mind set that health information belongs to the "expert" doctors and practitioners. Health care information has become a commodity that is sold for profit by doctors and drug companies.*