

When medicine discovered sex

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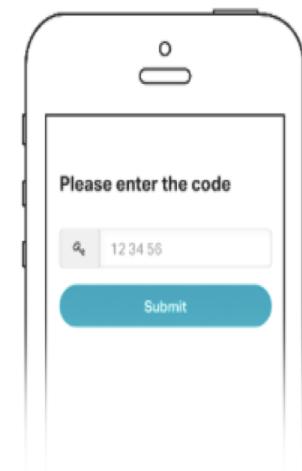
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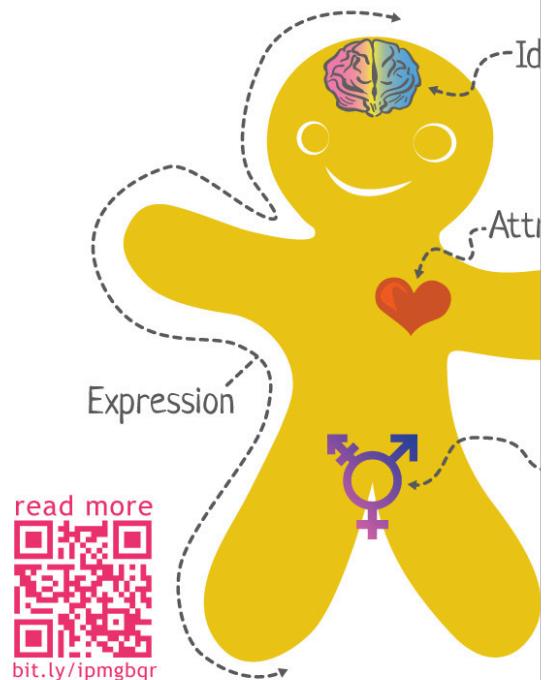
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- Father and son are driving in their car. They are having an accident, both are picked up by ambulances. The son got injured at his penis and is delivered to a specialist unit in a different hospital than his father. Once the son has been brought into the operating room the attending urological surgeon comes in and says:
 - ‘I cannot operate. This is my son.’
 - How are the son and the surgeon related?

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We live in a gendered world

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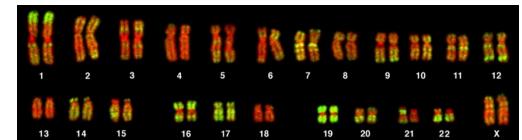
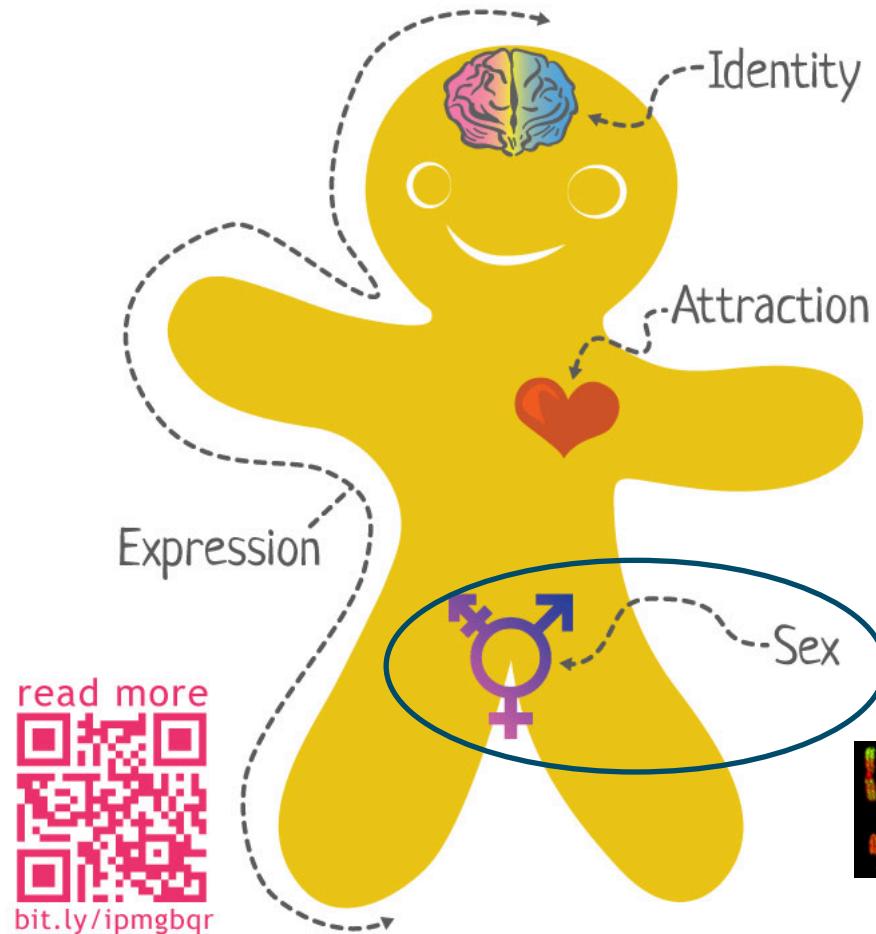


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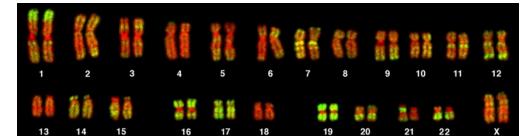
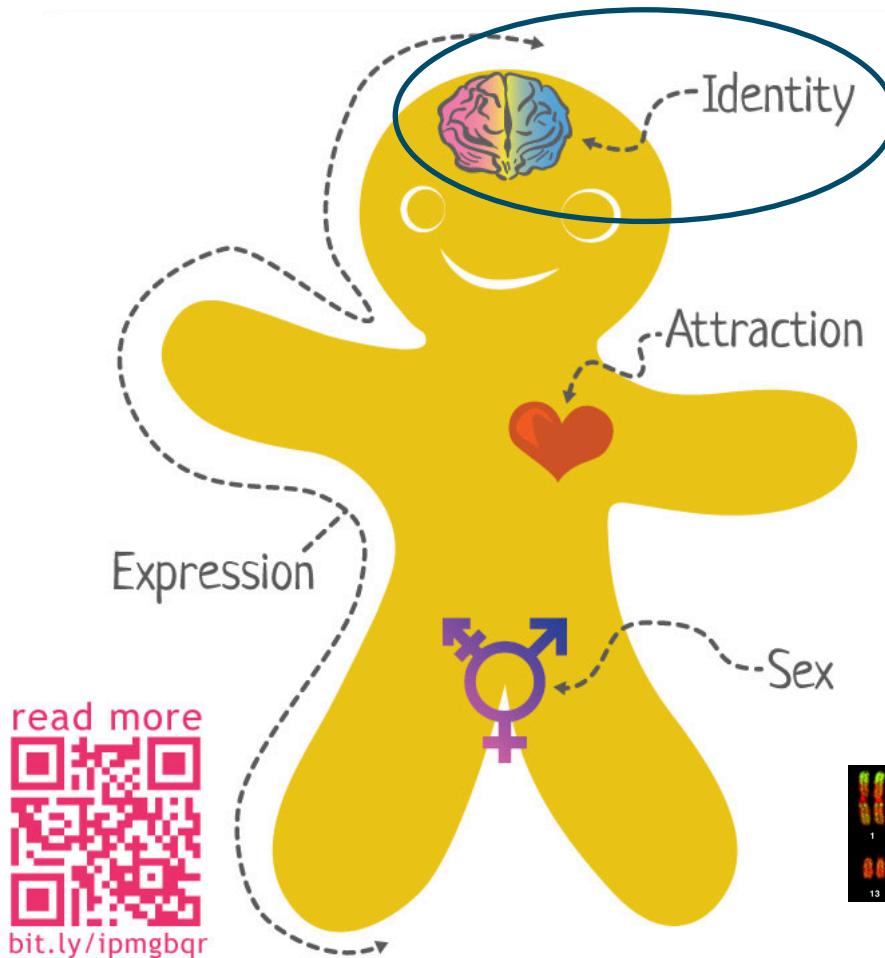
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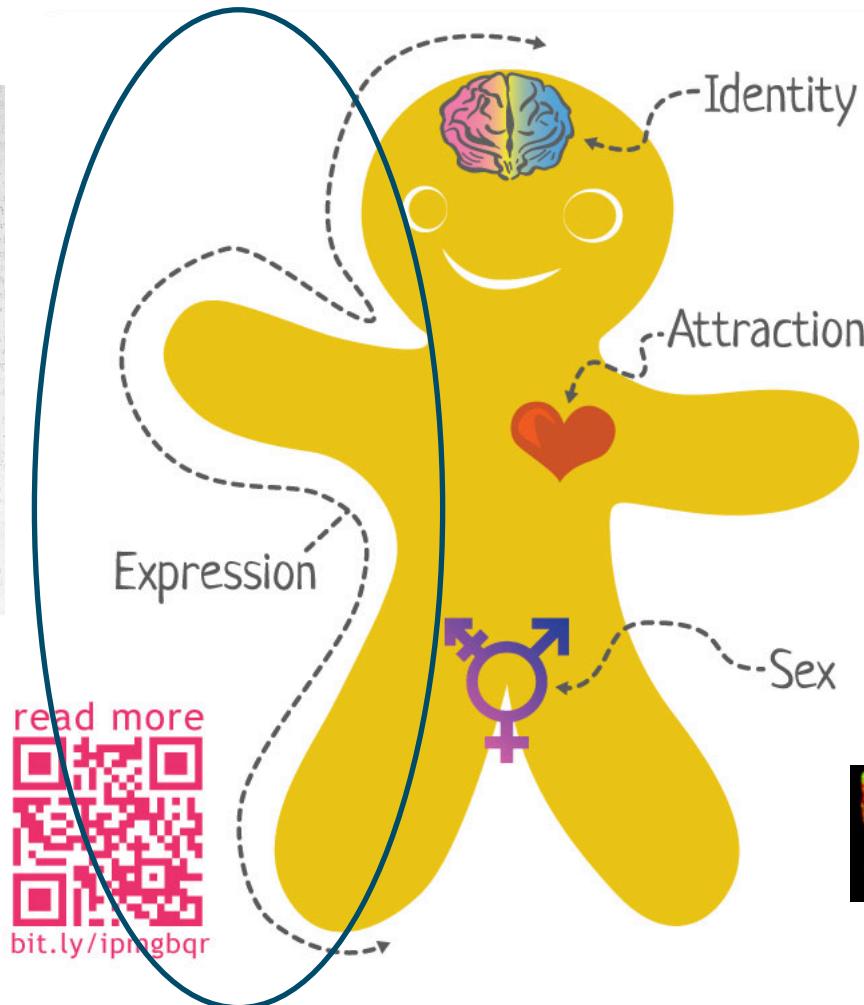
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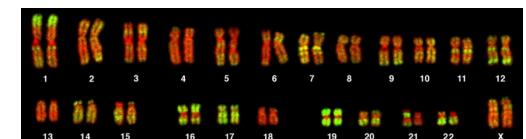
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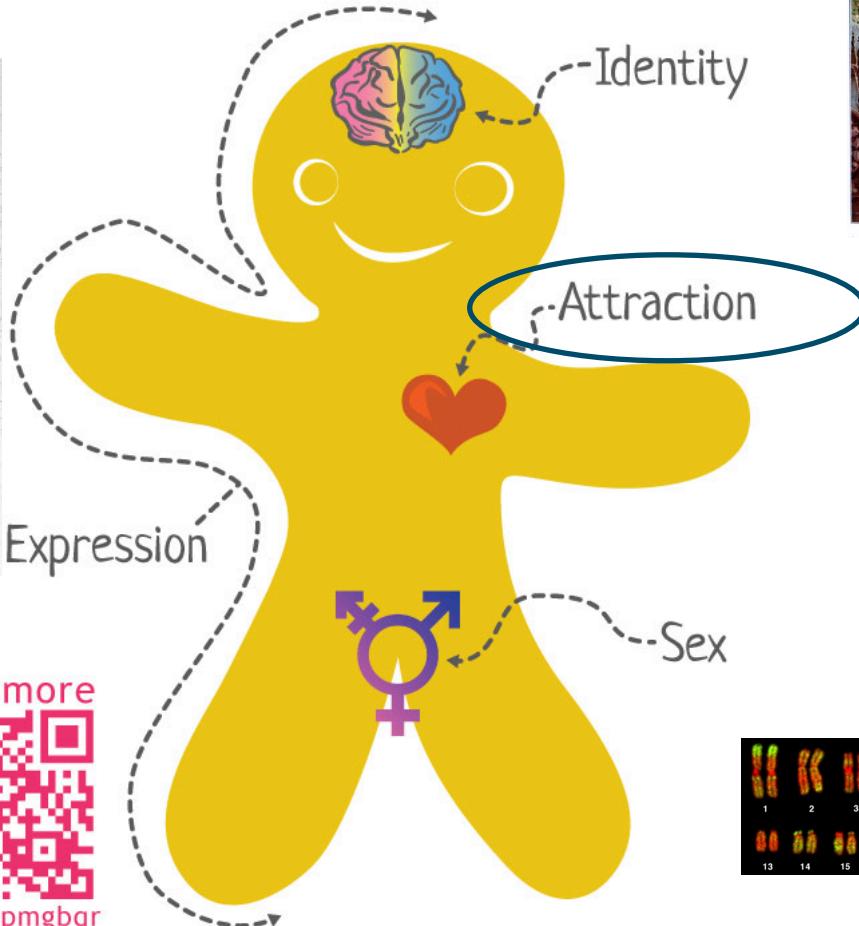
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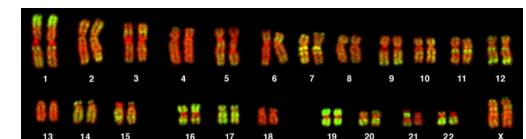
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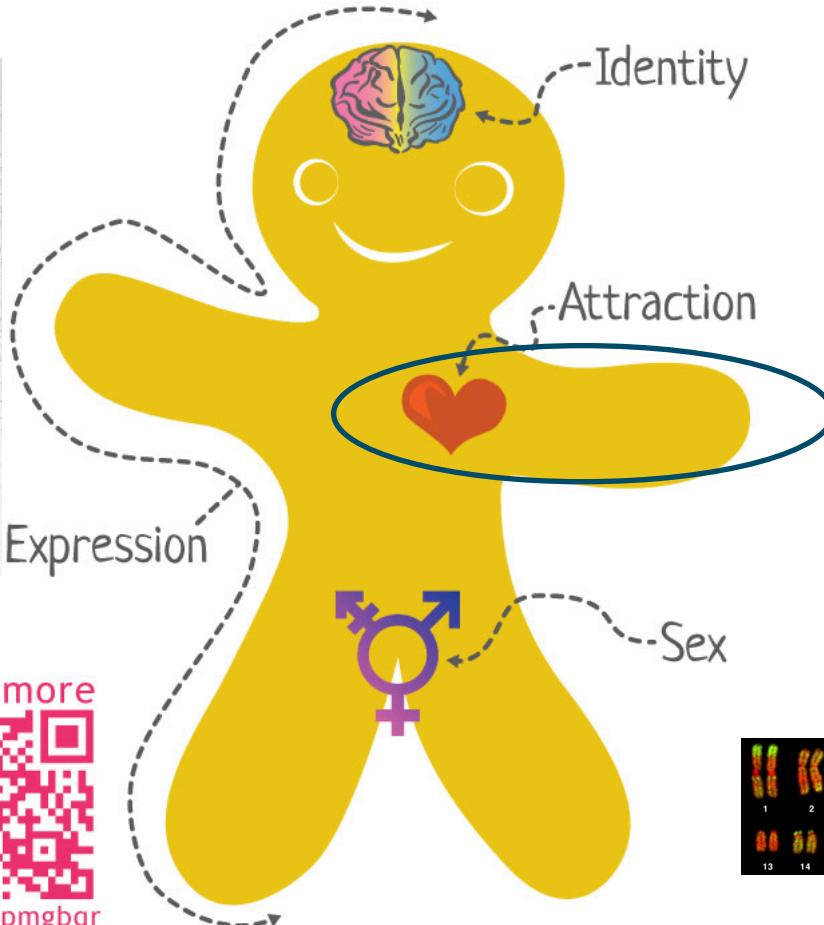
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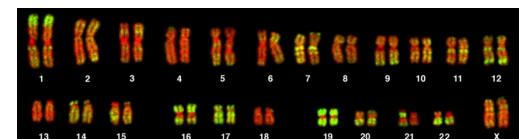
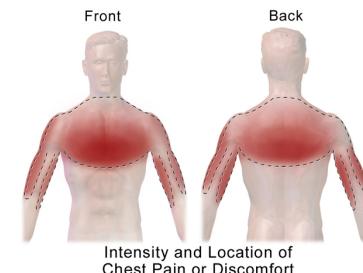


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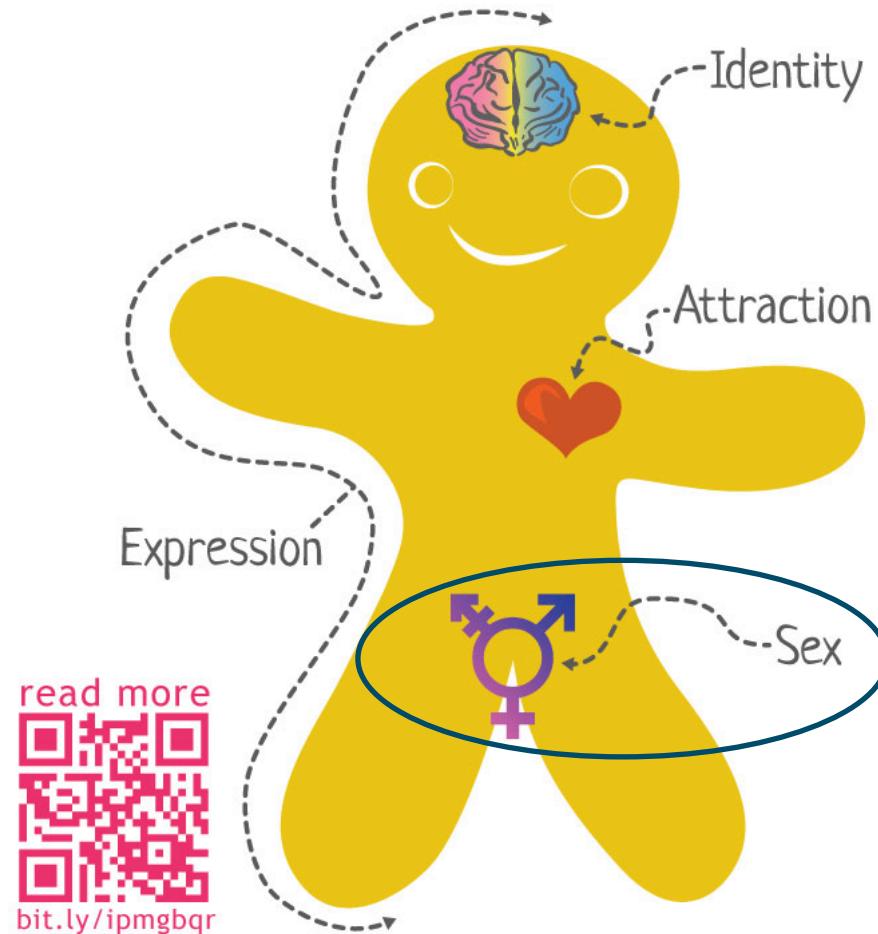
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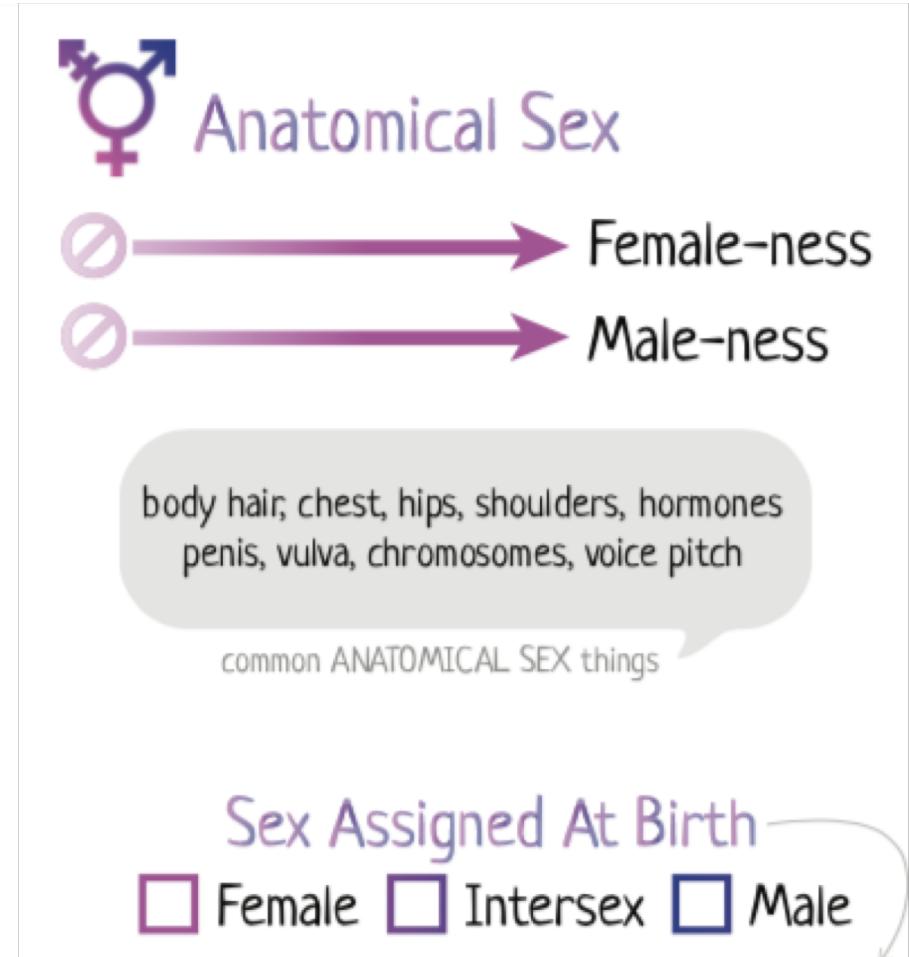
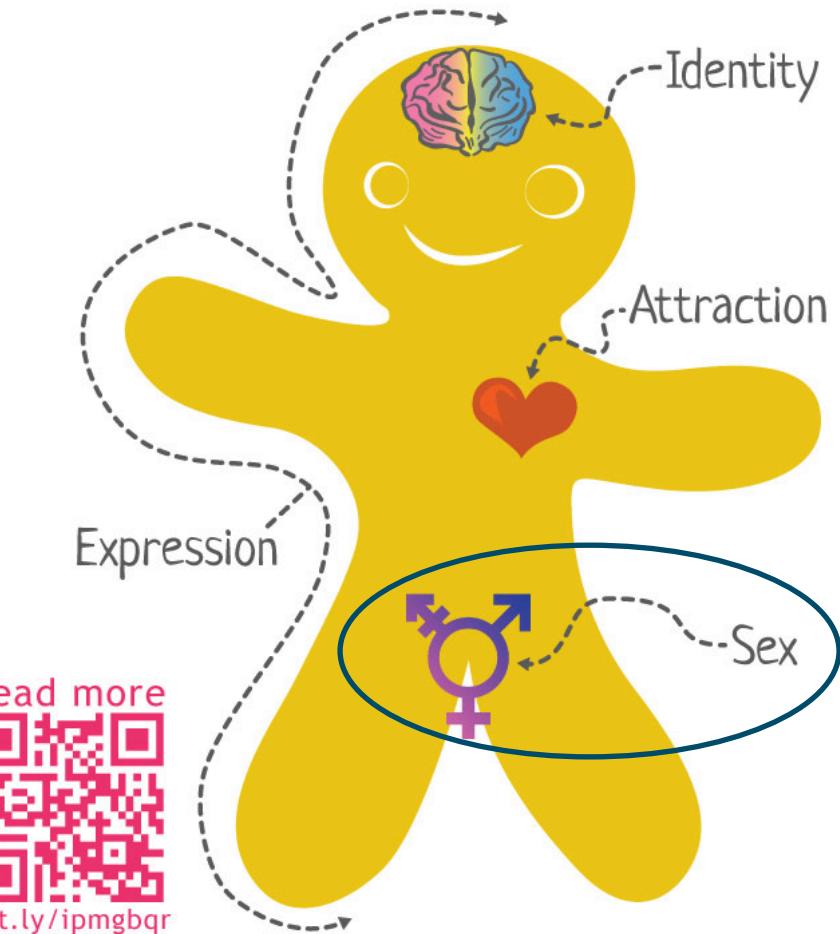
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Sex



Sarah as a Genderbread Person



Asking about someone's genitalia?



Same body

- Ancient:
 - One sex body
- Enlightenment:
 - Two sex body
- Gender medicine
 - Sex and gender

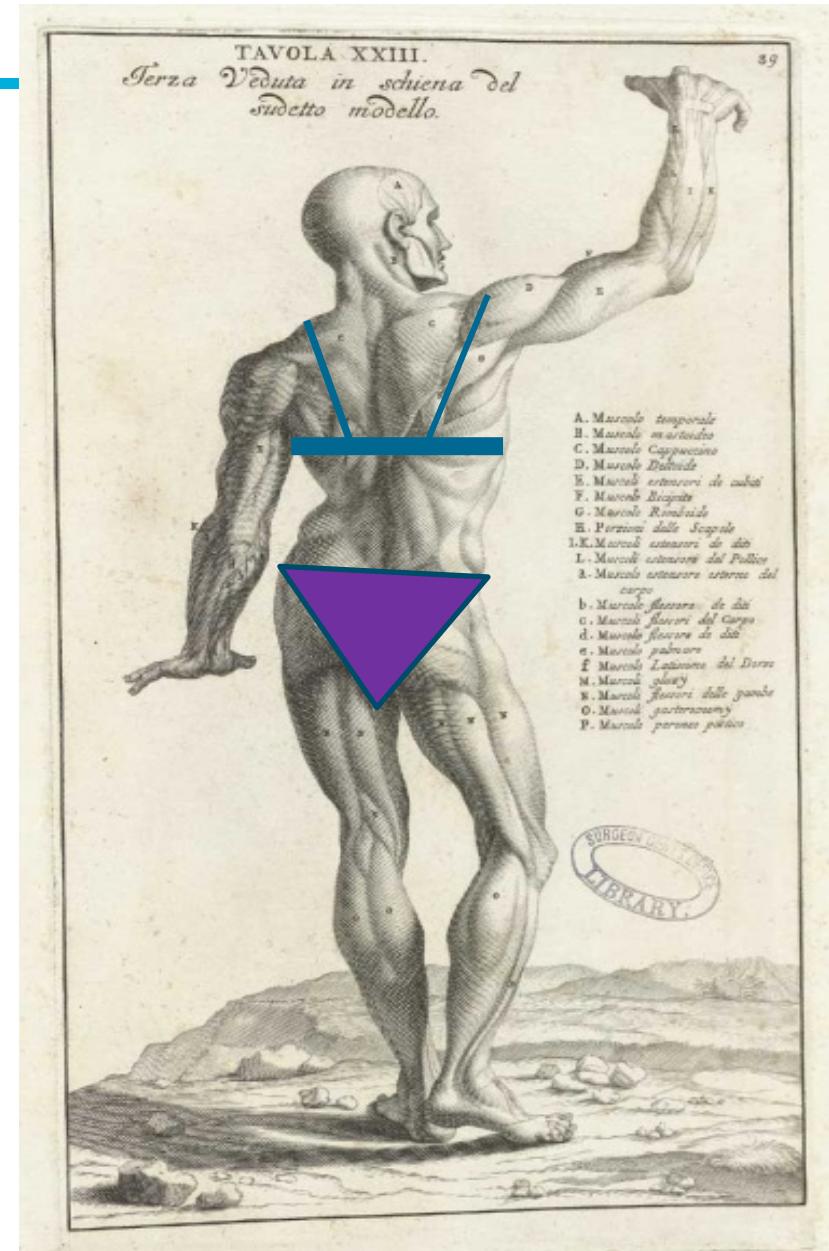
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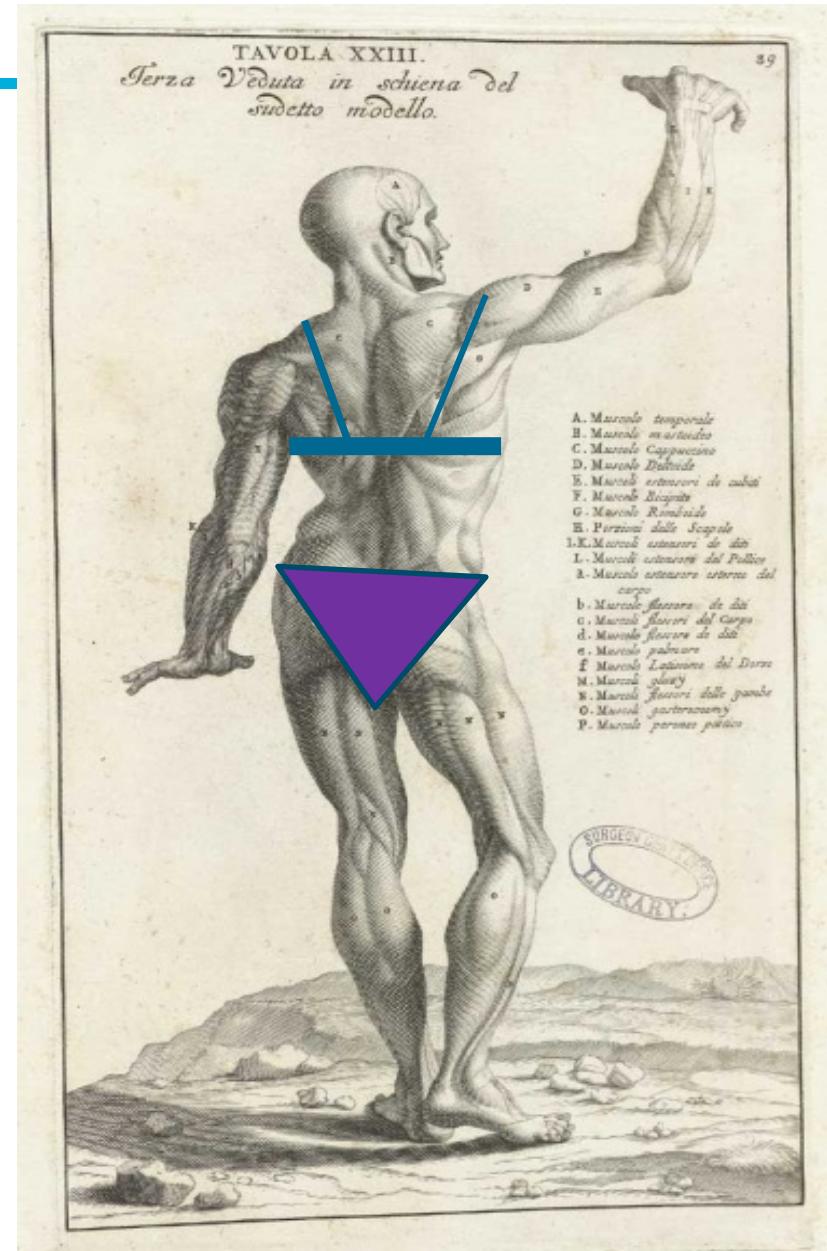
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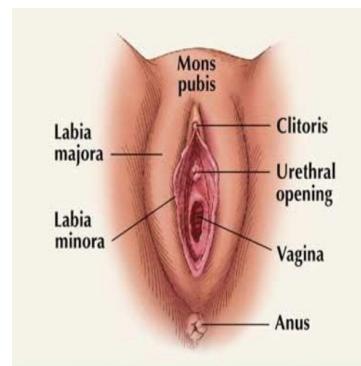


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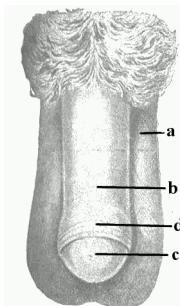
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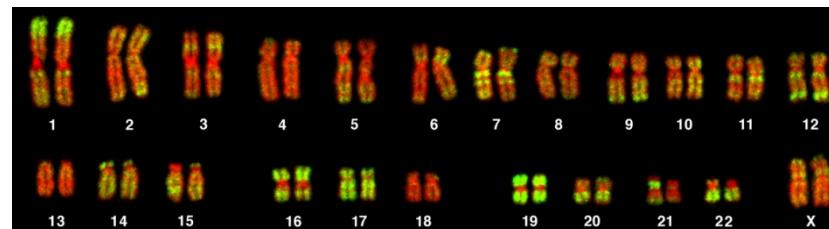
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Hormones



- Pheromones



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Influences of sex

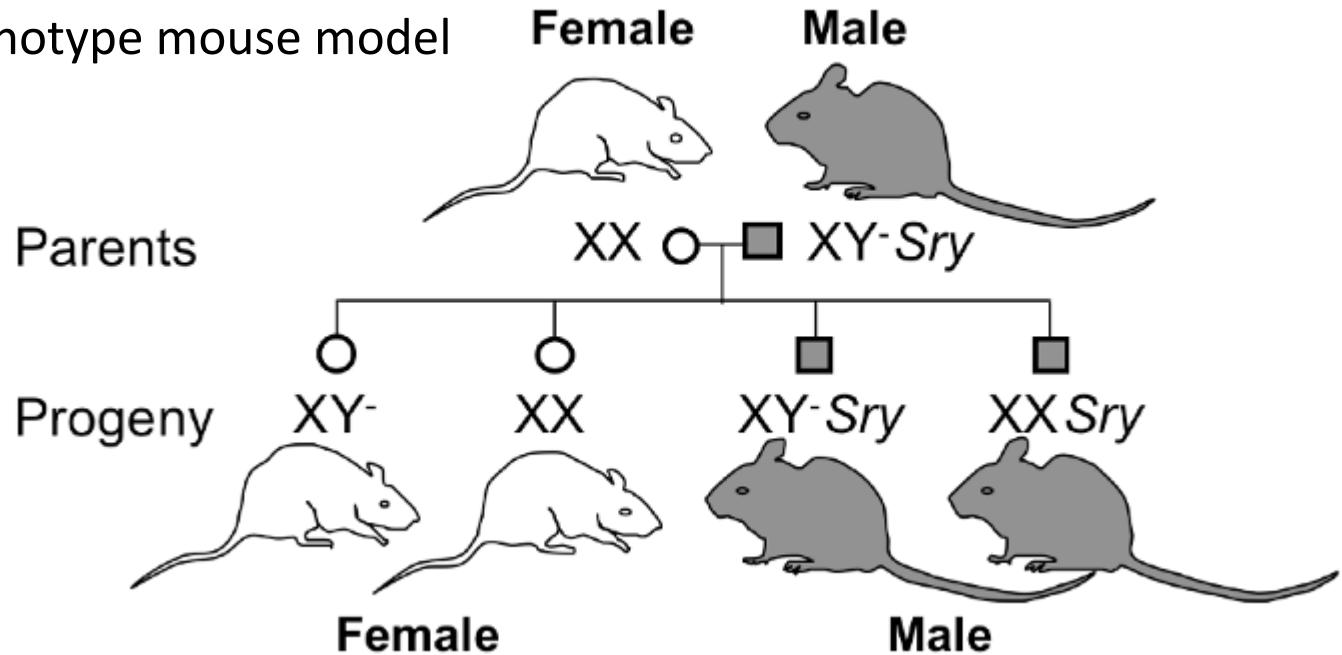
Differences

- symptoms
- reactions to pharmaceuticals
- prevalence of diseases

BUT also a bunch of similarities

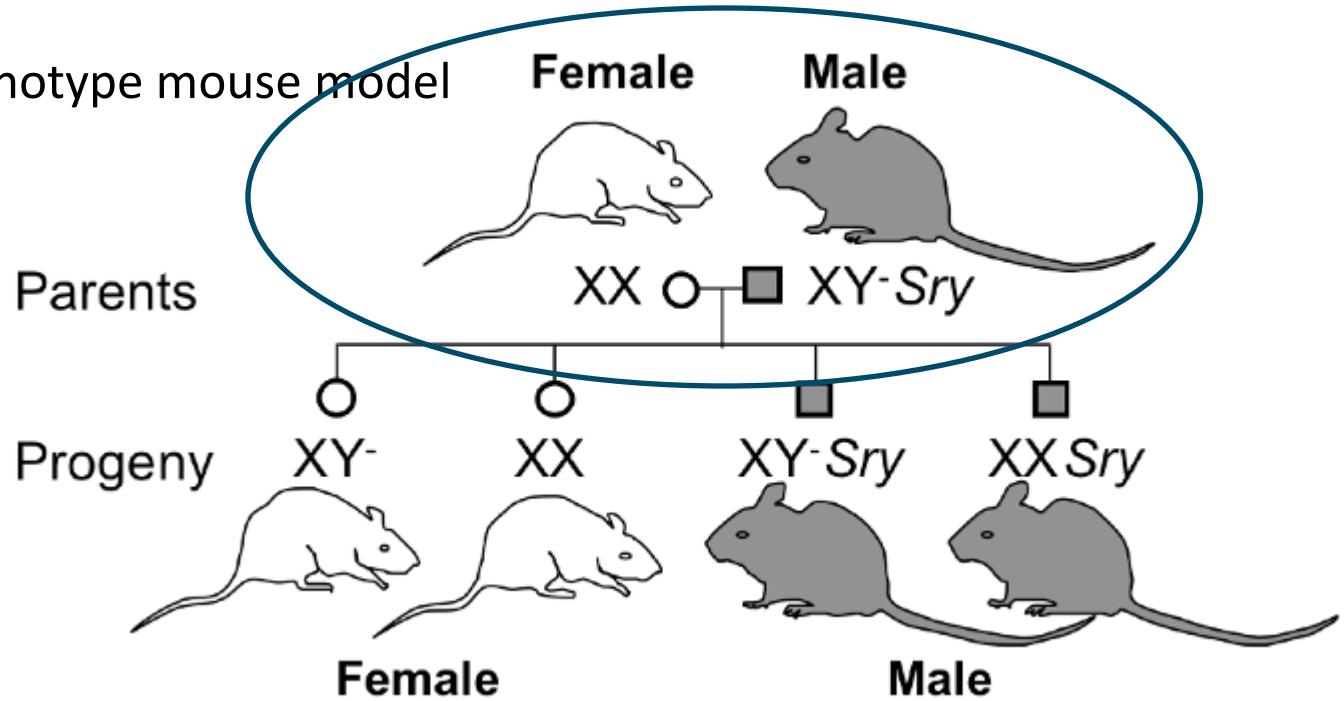
Research on sex

- Four core genotype mouse model



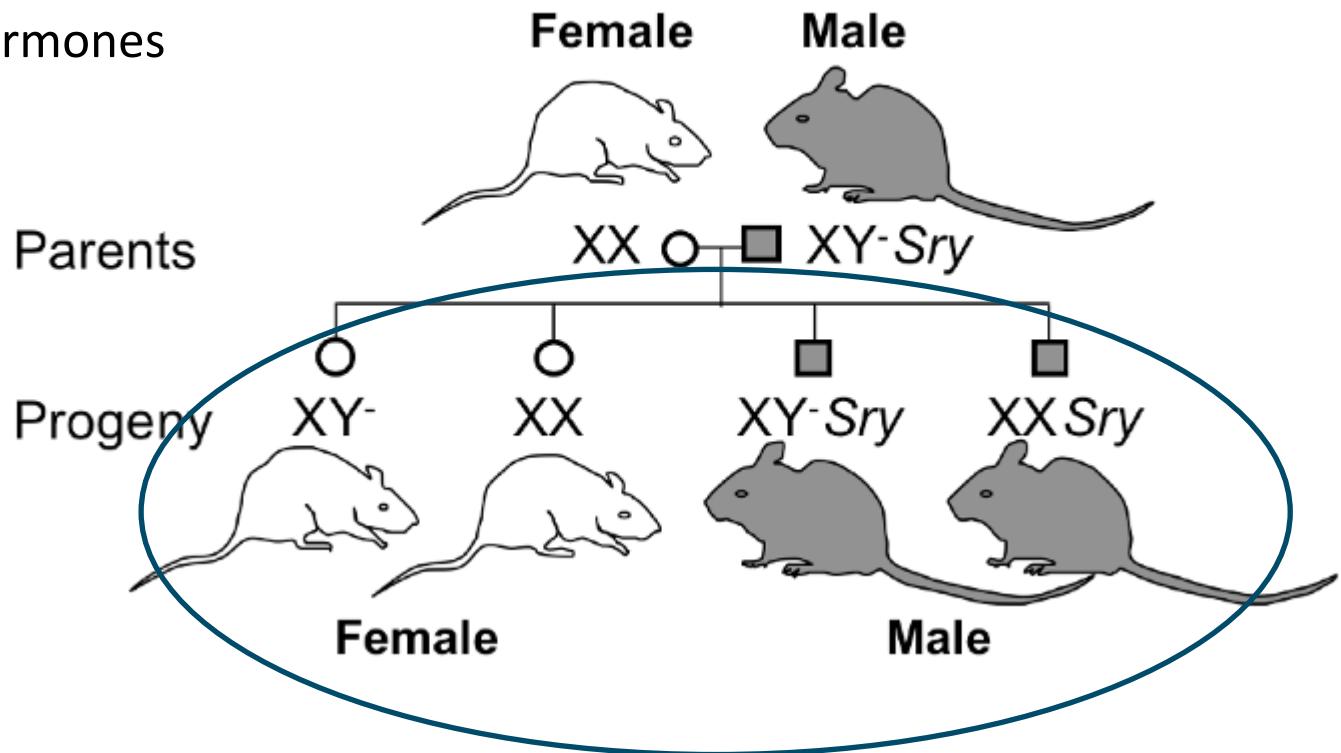
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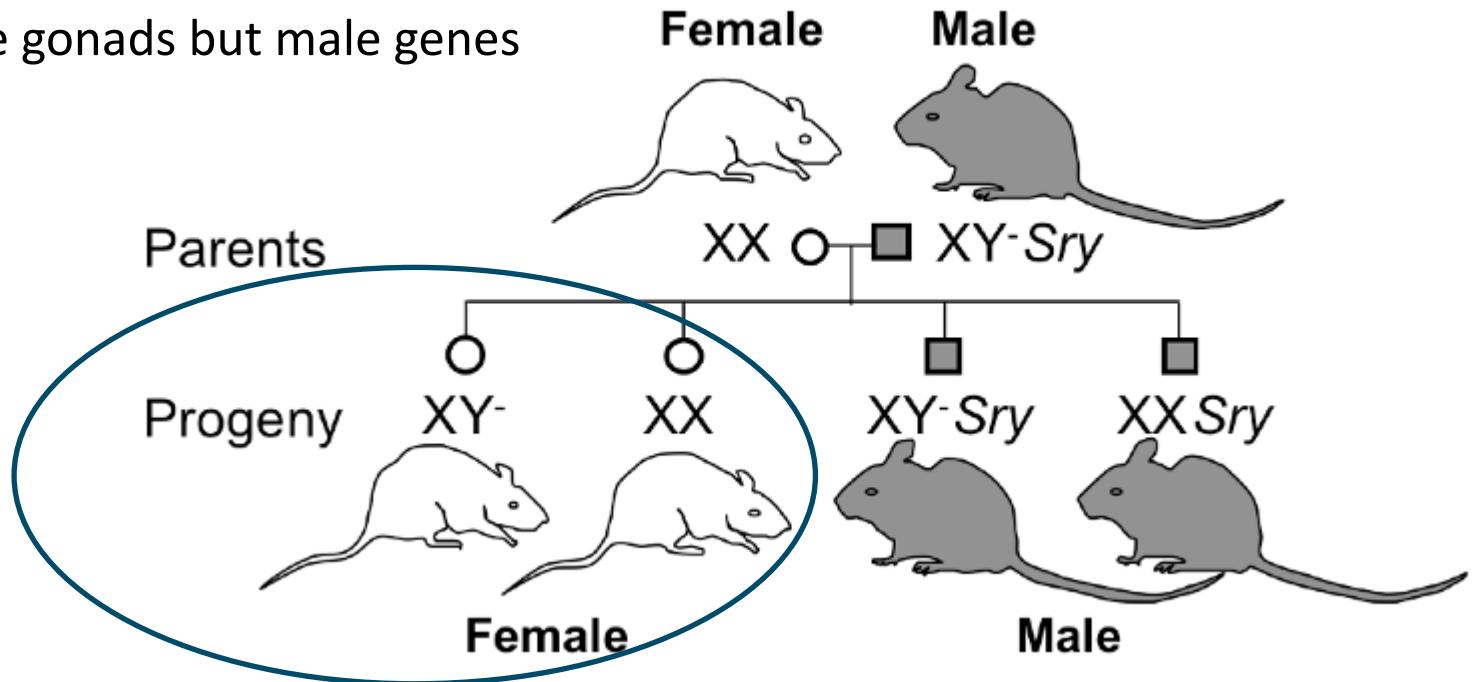
Research on sex

- Genes vs. Hormones



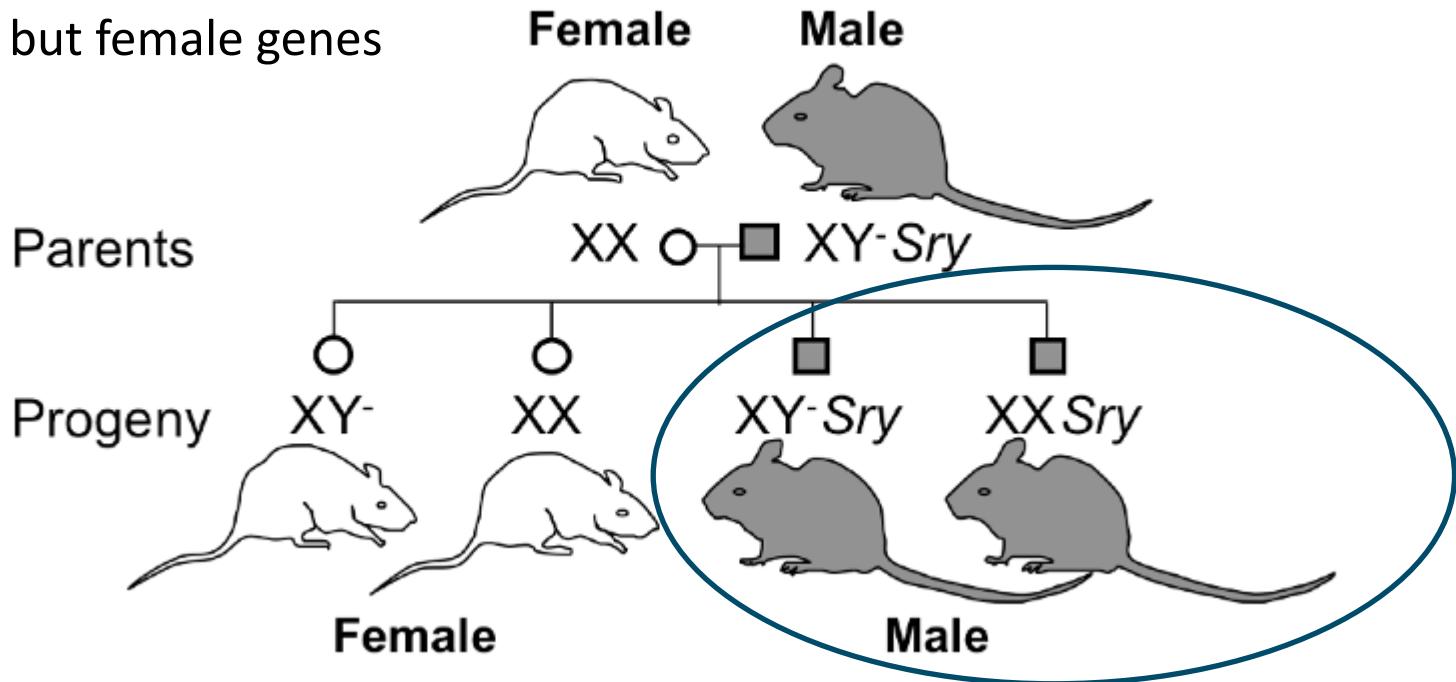
Research on sex

- Female gonads but male genes



Research on sex

- Male gonads but female genes



Results from basic research on rodents

Sex of the researcher

Pheromones (axillary steroids):

- menstrual cycle synchronization
- pain perception

Results from basic research on rodents

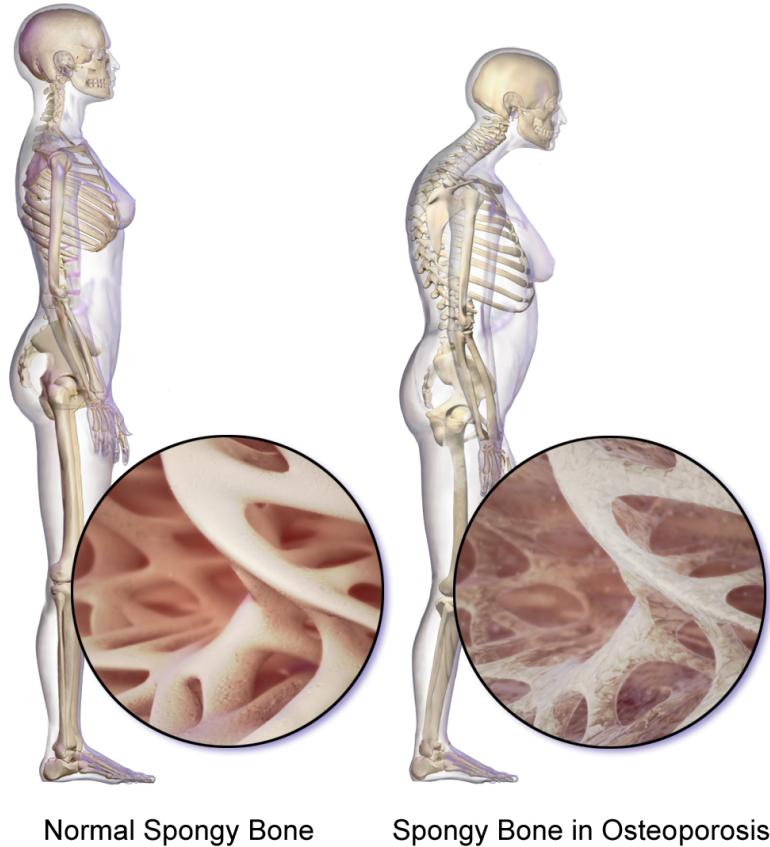
Sex of the researcher

“Exposure of mice and rats to male but not female experimenters produces pain inhibition.”

Osteoporosis

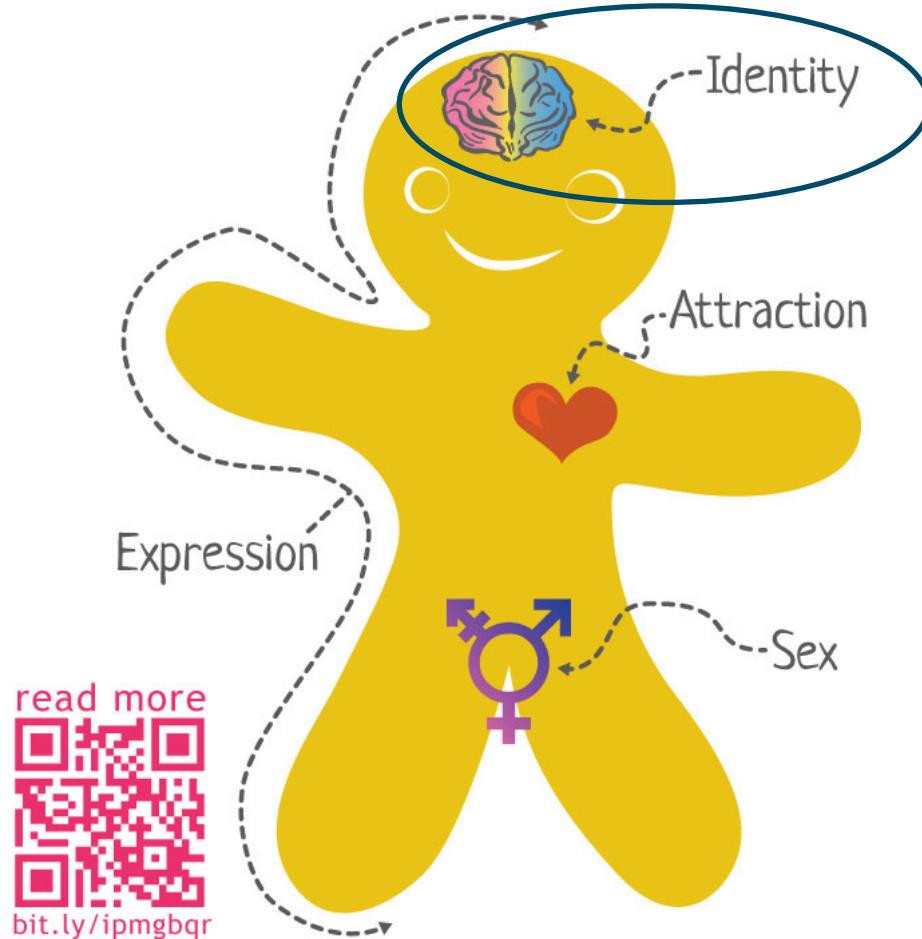
- underestimated in men
- later incidence
- higher mortality in case of fracture

Effects of Osteoporosis

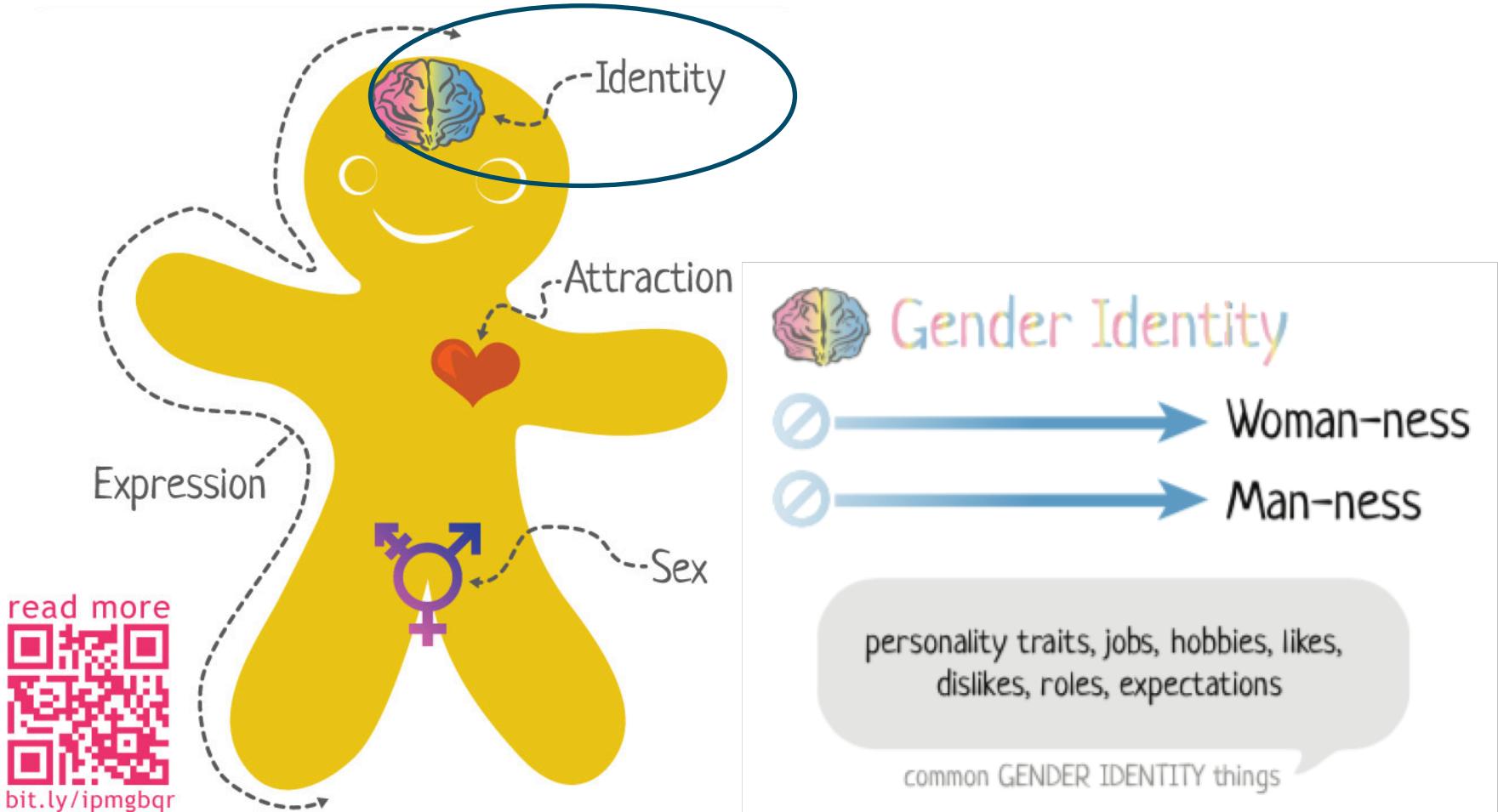


Rieder & Lohff 2008

Gender identity

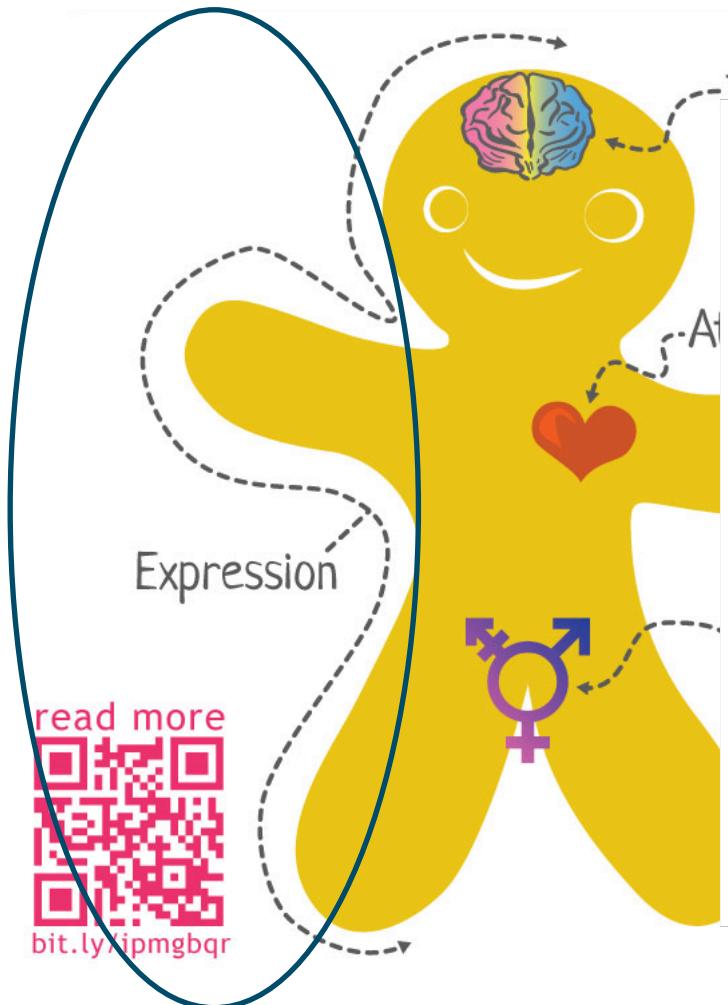


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Identity

Affect

Expression

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Gender Expression



Femininity



Masculinity

style, grooming, clothing, mannerisms,
affect, appearance, hair, make-up

common GENDER EXPRESSION things

Influences of gender

Assumptions on susceptibility of diseases

Examples:

- erectile dysfunction
- depression

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- interaction with doctors
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“**NORMS** are prescriptions for how men and women should behave, while **stereotypes** are generalizations about what men and women are like (Pleck, 1981, 1995).” (In: Mansfield – accentuation by Hiltner)

Depression

- Depression in form of anxiety
 - higher in women
- substance abuse to deal with depression
 - higher in men
- successful suicides – higher rates in men



Mansfield et al. (2003)

Depression

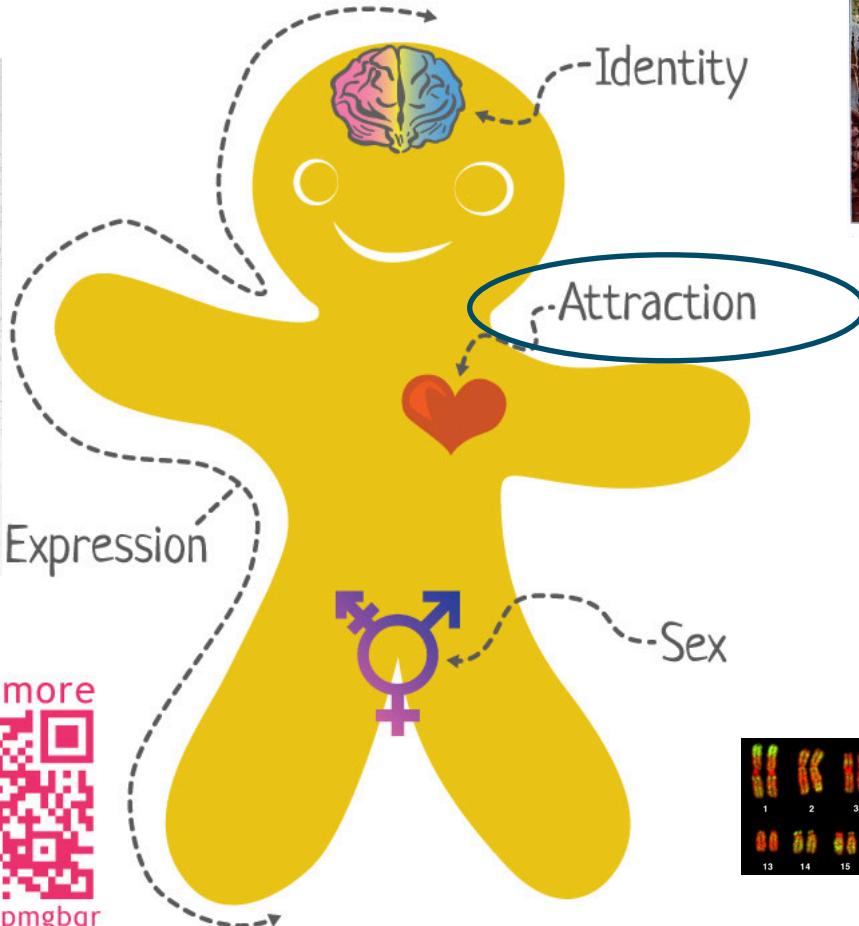
- Scales and measures
- Responsibilities
- Gender norms
- Symptoms vs. solutions



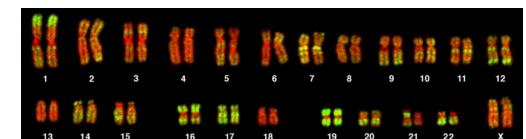
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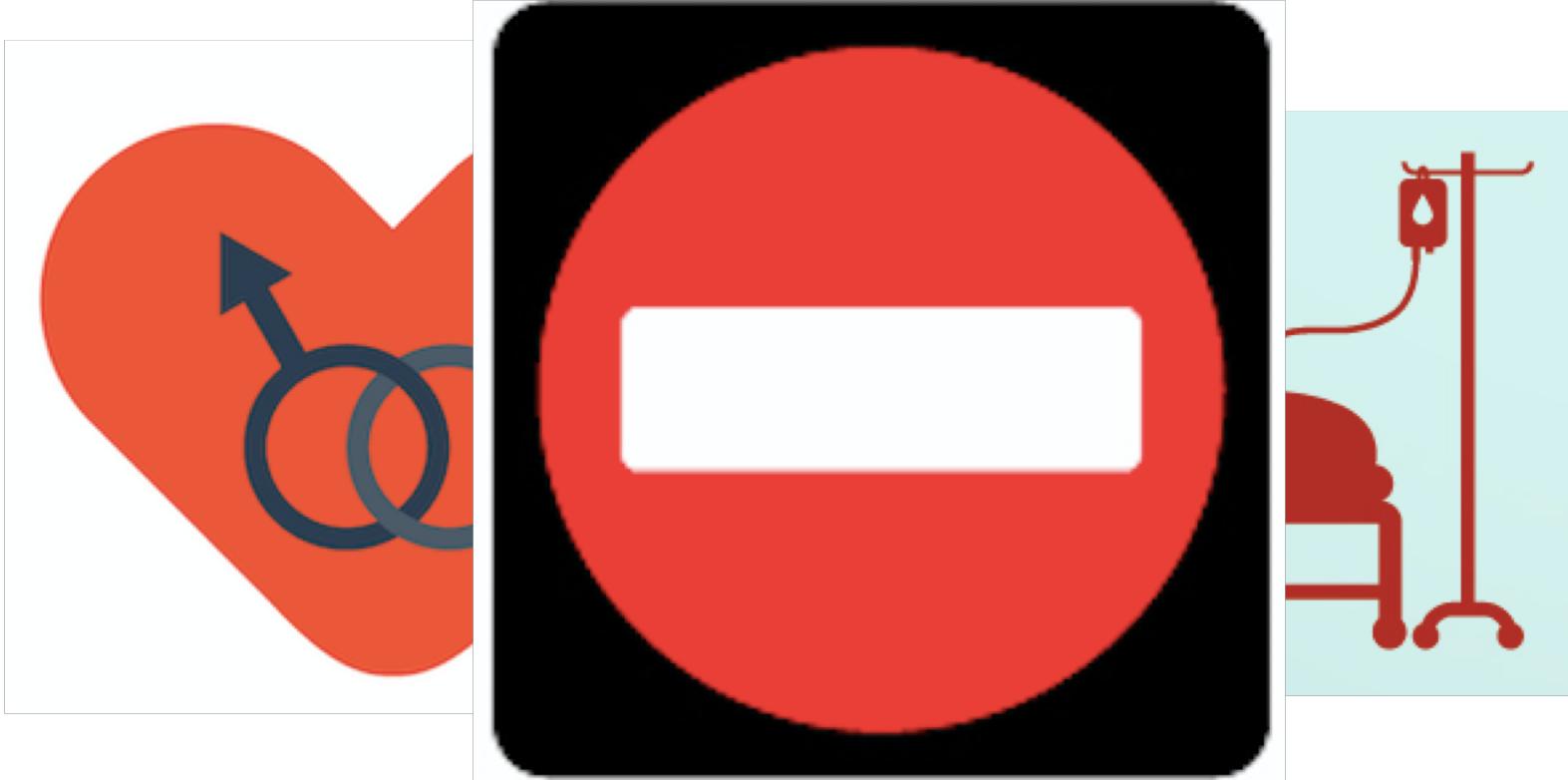
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- homosexuality
- bisexuality
- pansexuality
- asexuality

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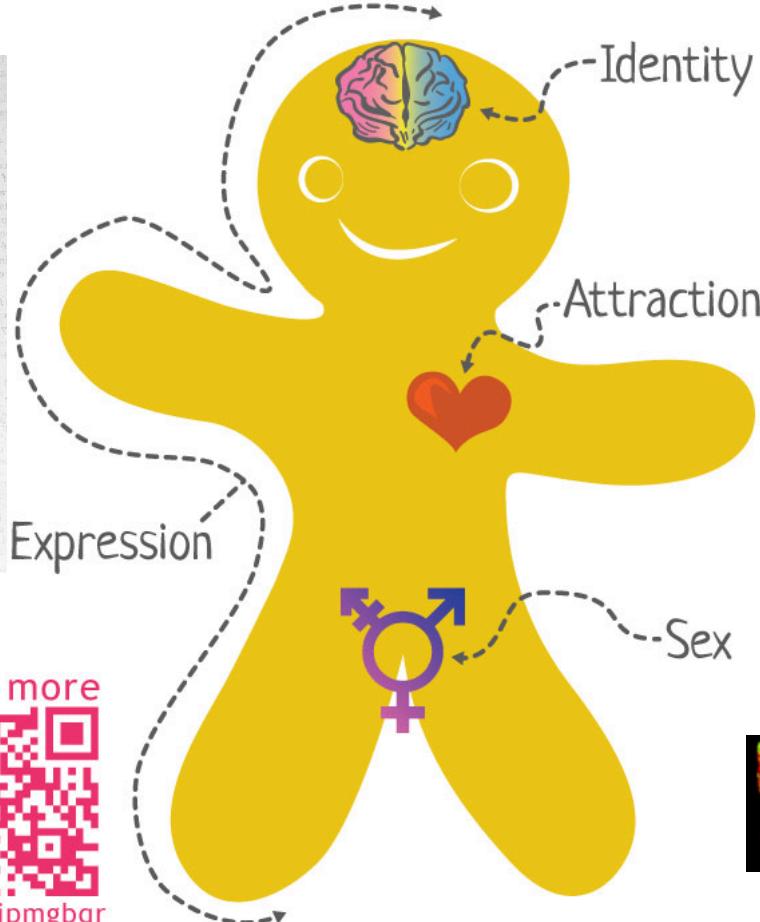
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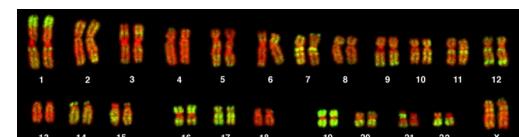


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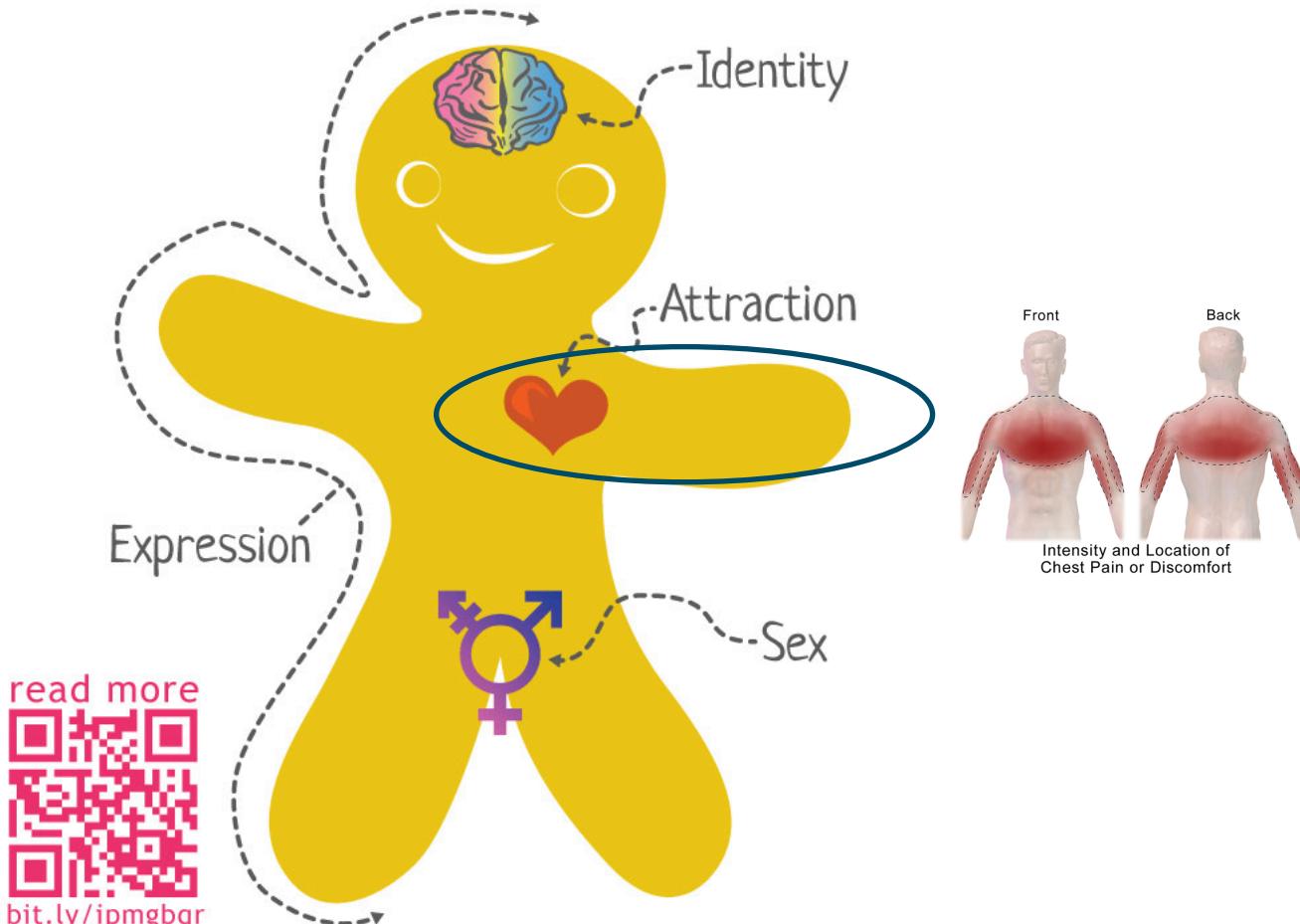
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Hacking the medical system

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Exercise break: Breathing exercise

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Heart attack differences

1. symptoms
2. awareness
3. acknowledgement
4. therapy

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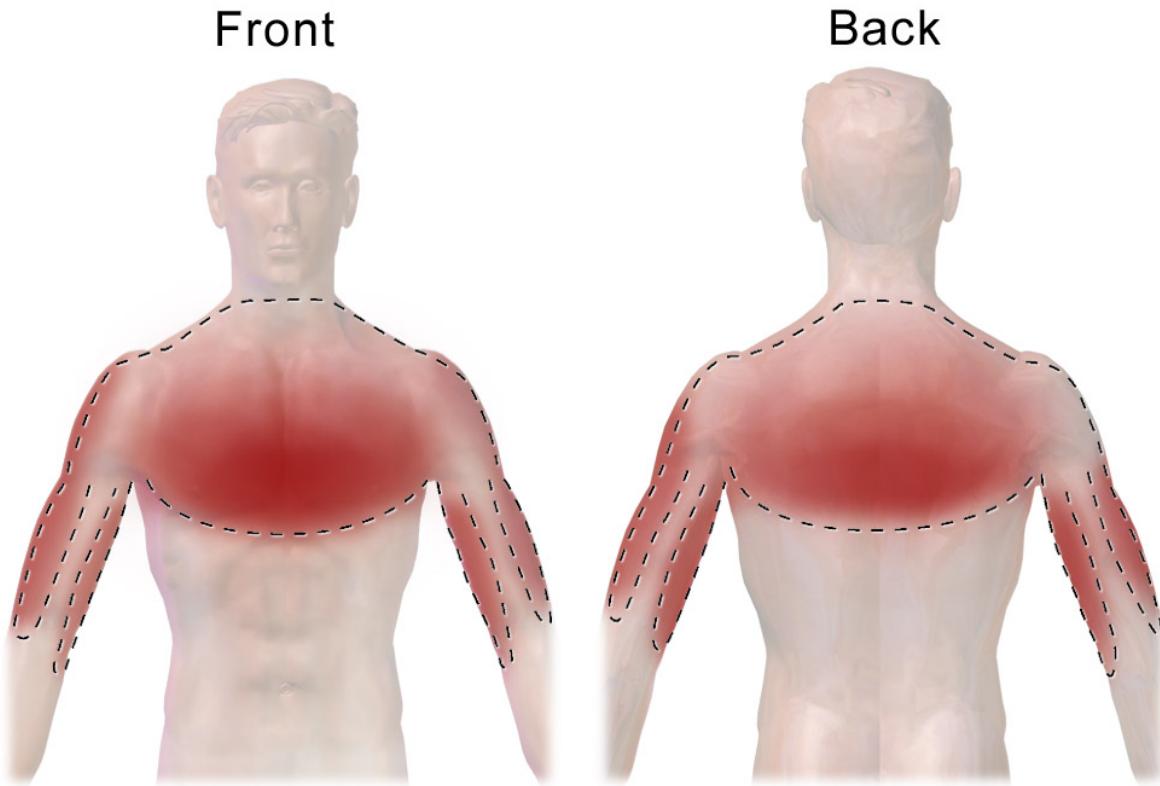
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Heart attack

- chest pain
- pain in the left side of the body
- cold sweat



Intensity and Location of
Chest Pain or Discomfort

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Heart attack in most women

- weakness
- shortness of breath
- back pain
- nausea



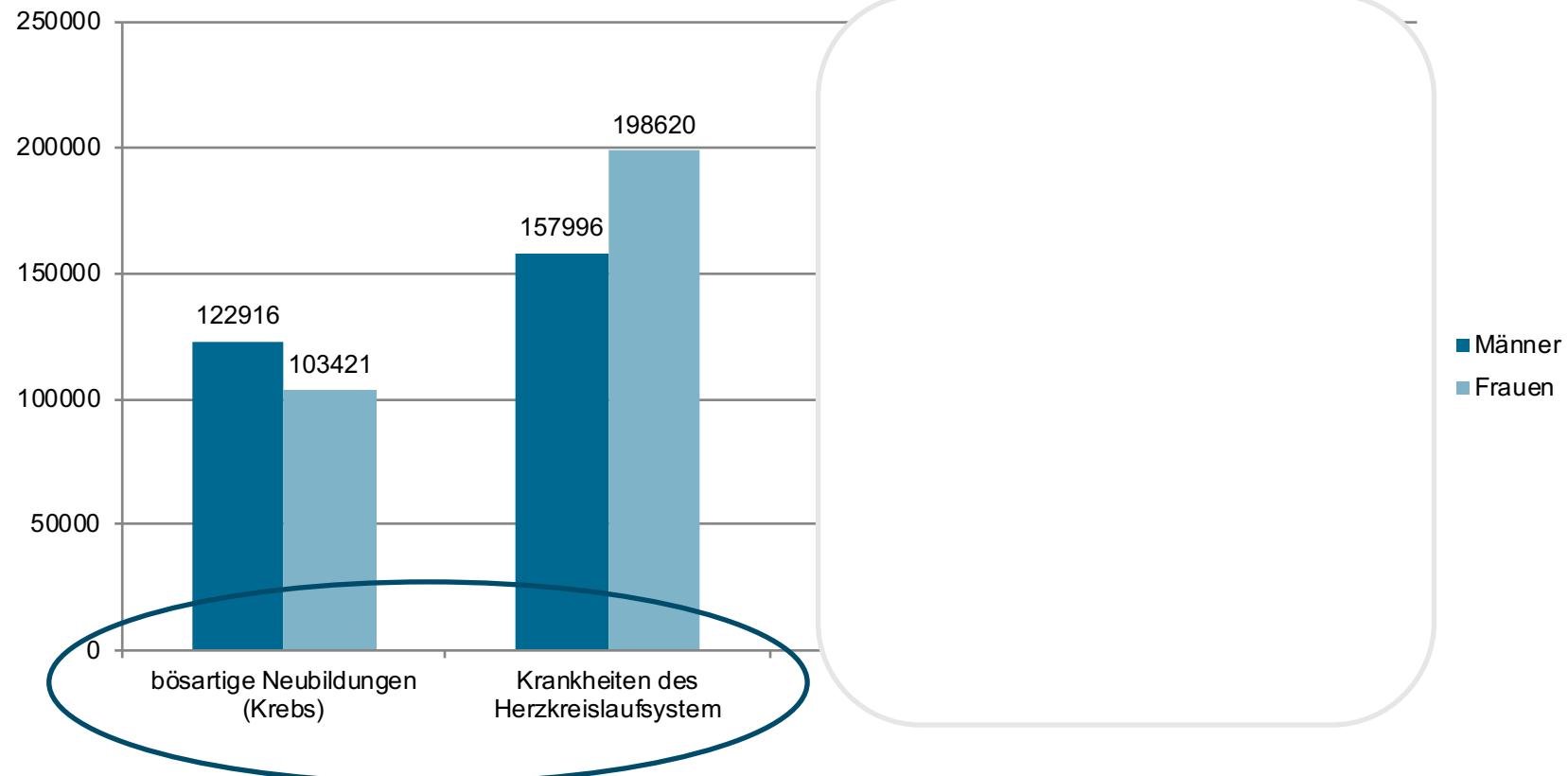
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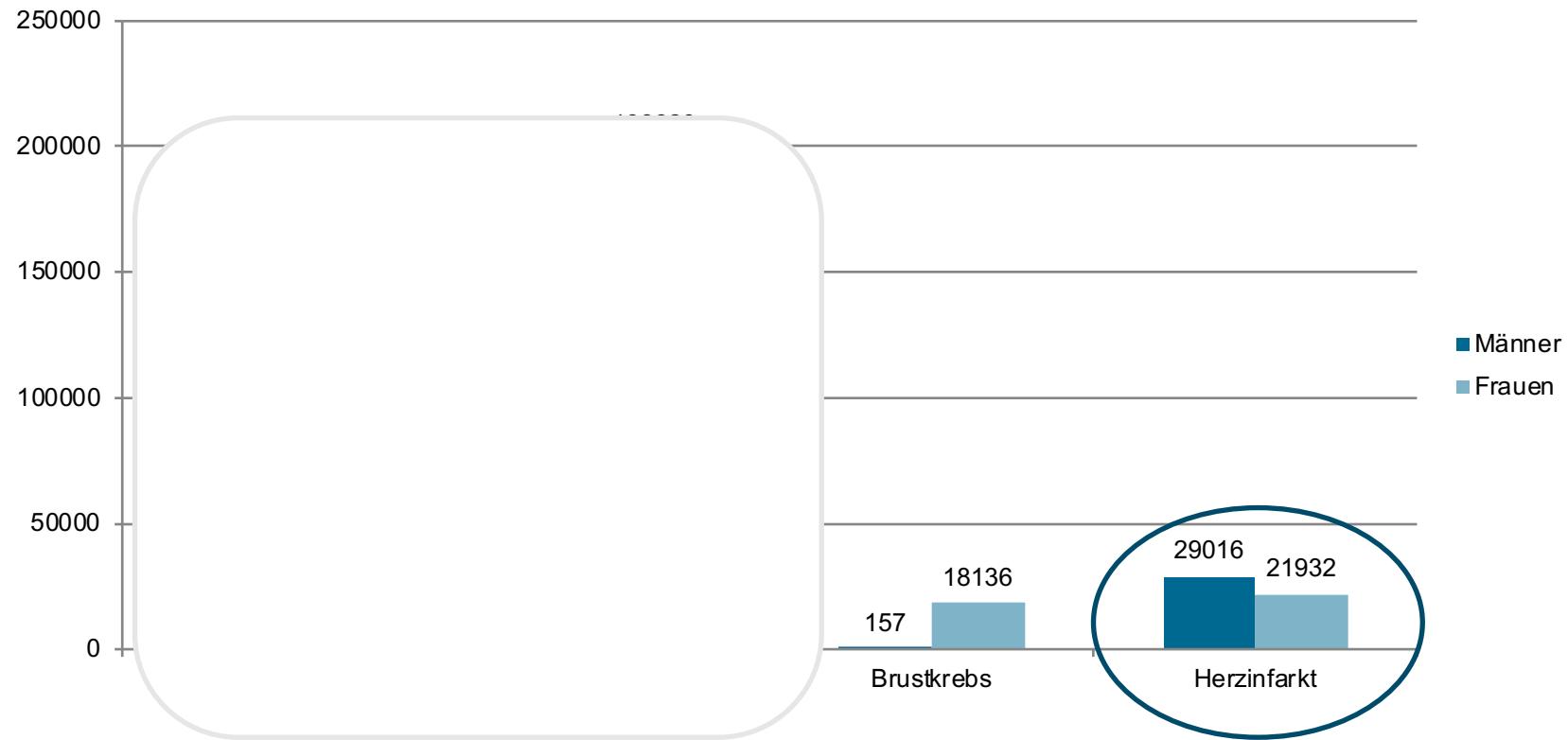
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Death by disease in Germany (based on year: 2015)



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Therapy and Prevention

Aspirin/ASS:

protects men of re-infarction;

protects women of strokes

If we know all this – why do we need to talk about it?

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Bias in medical textbooks

- 1. androcentrism**
- 2. gender insensitivity**
- 3. double standard**

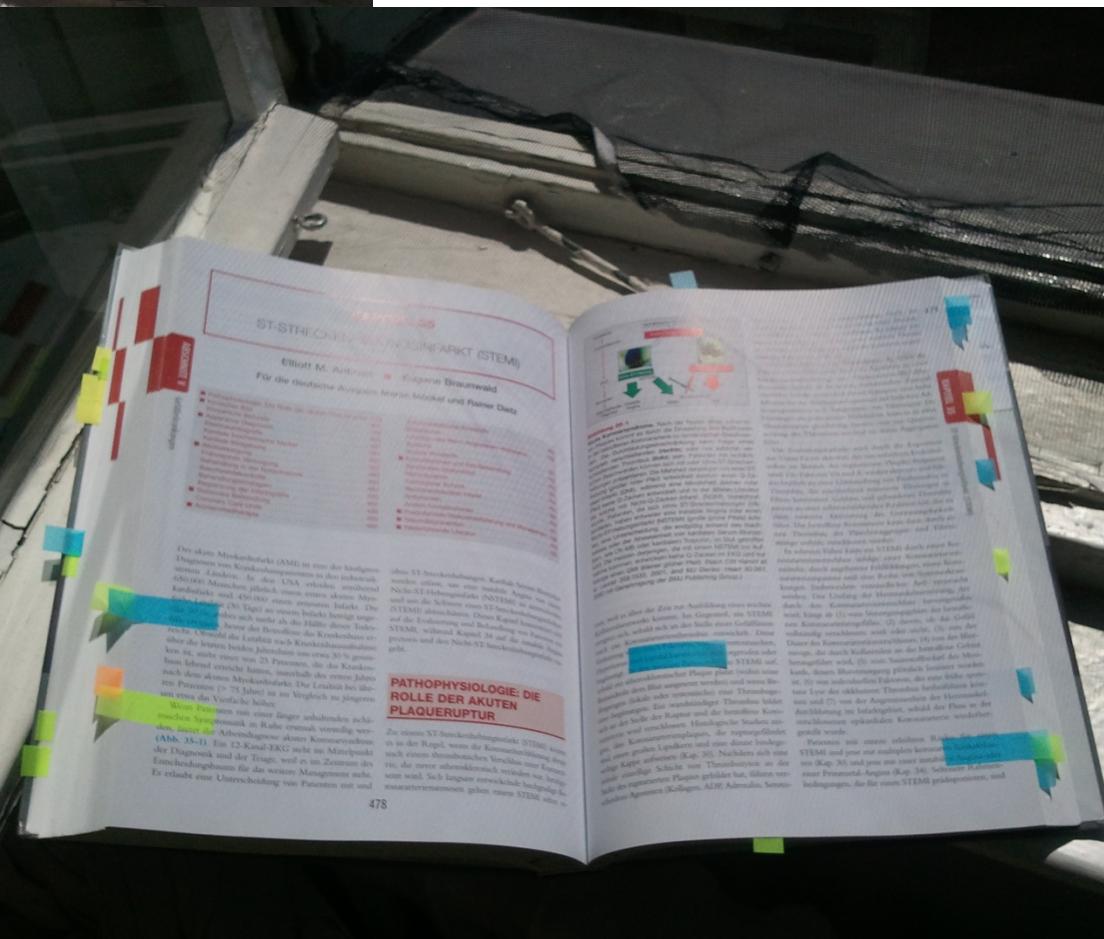
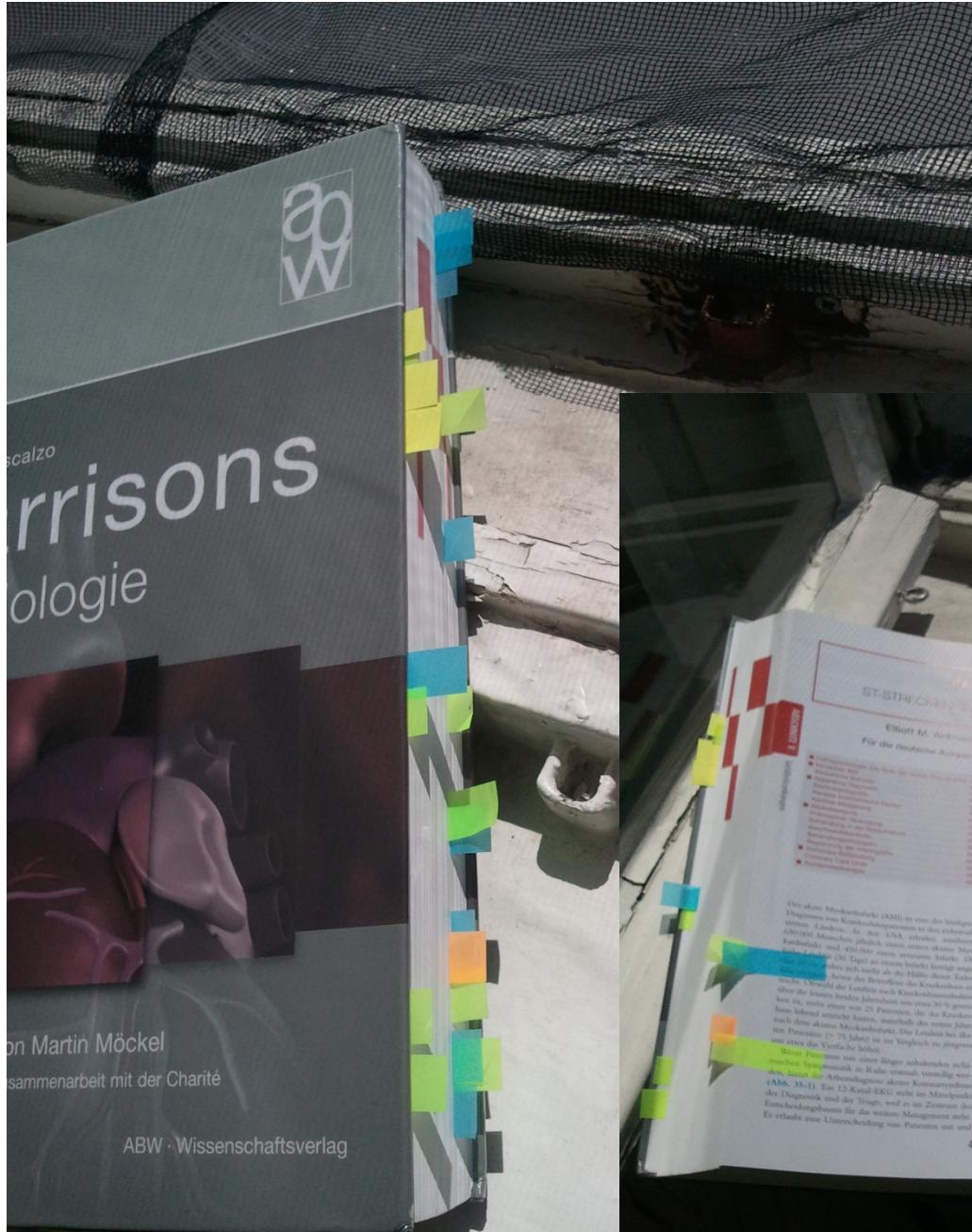
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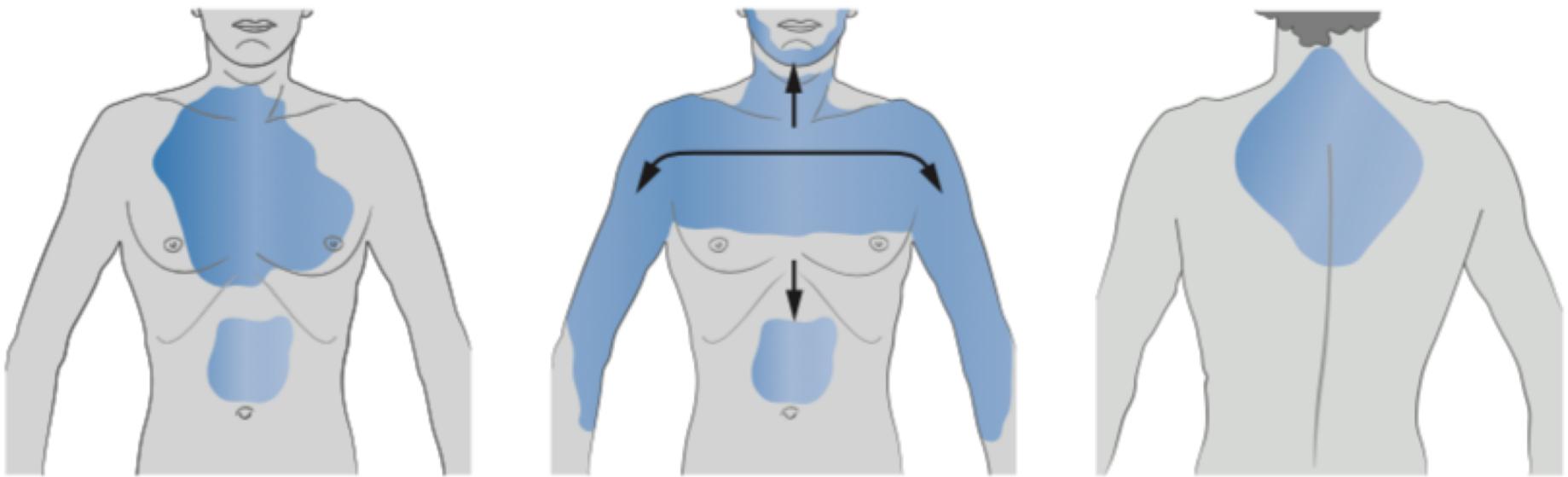
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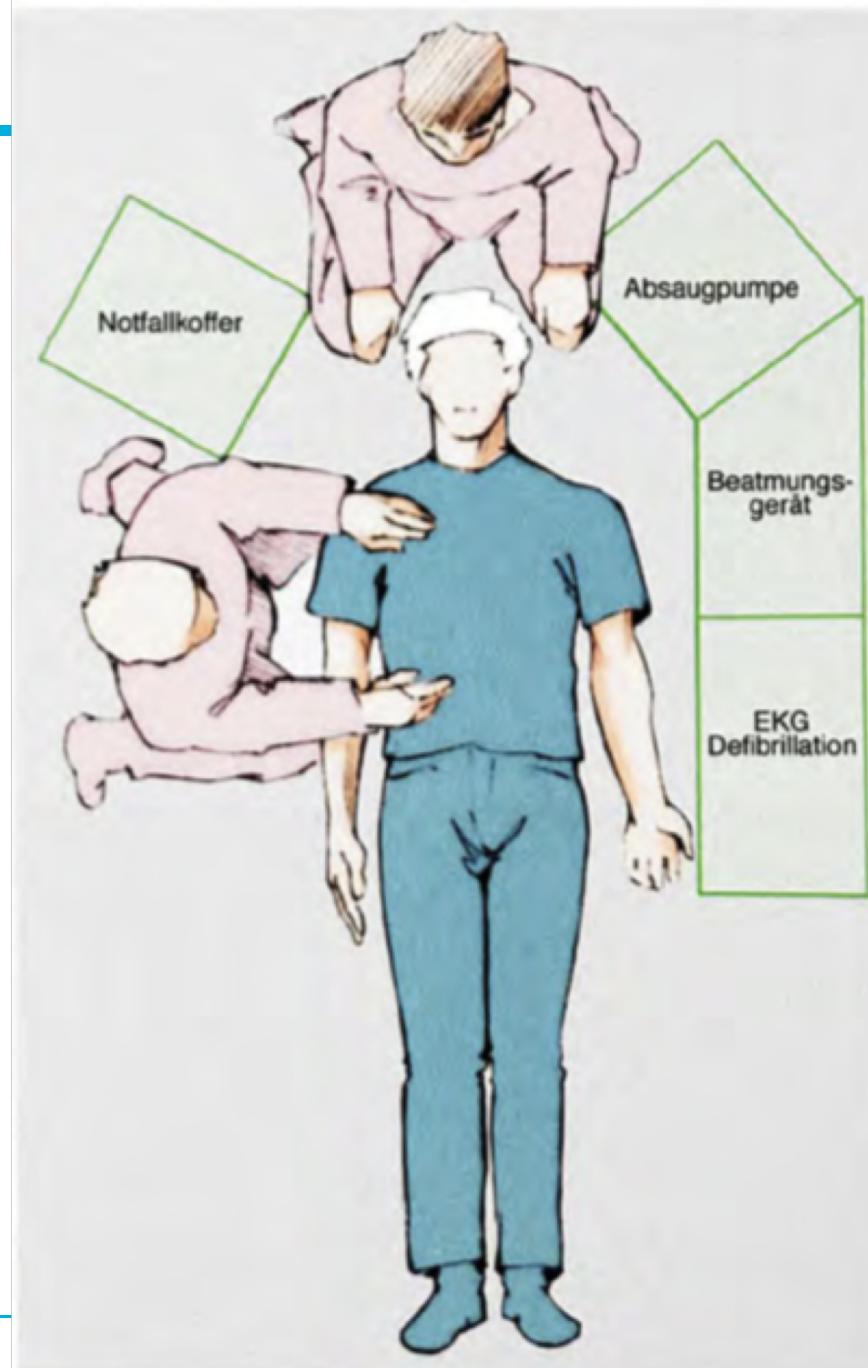


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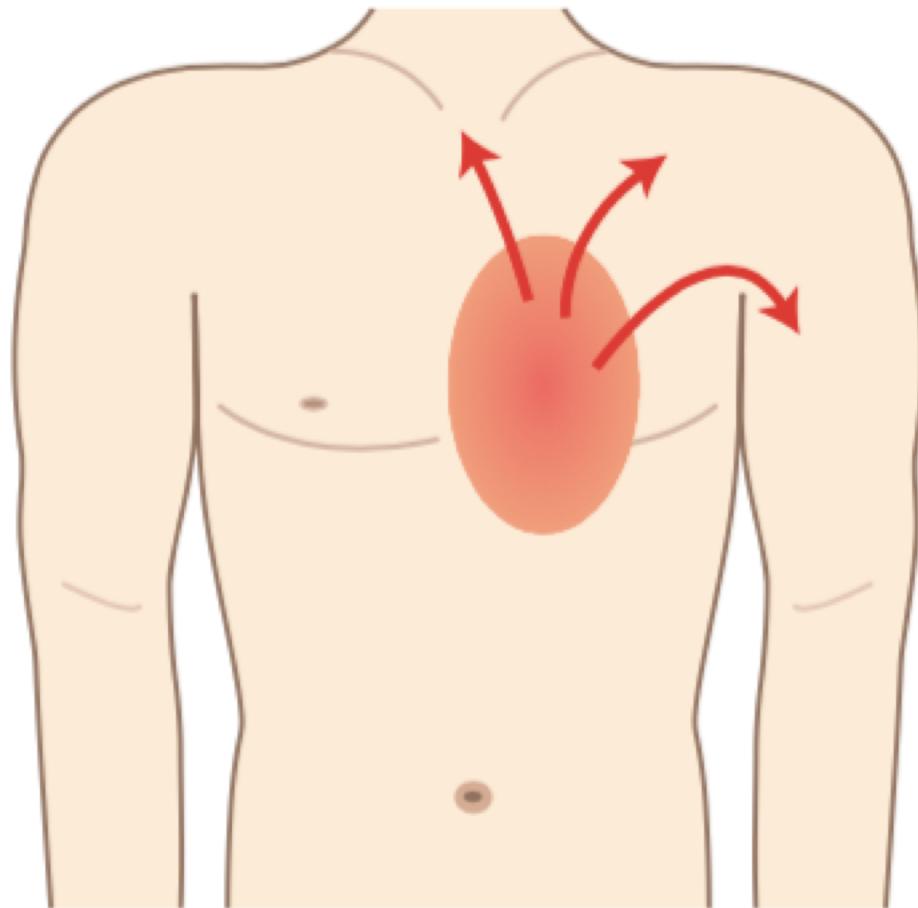
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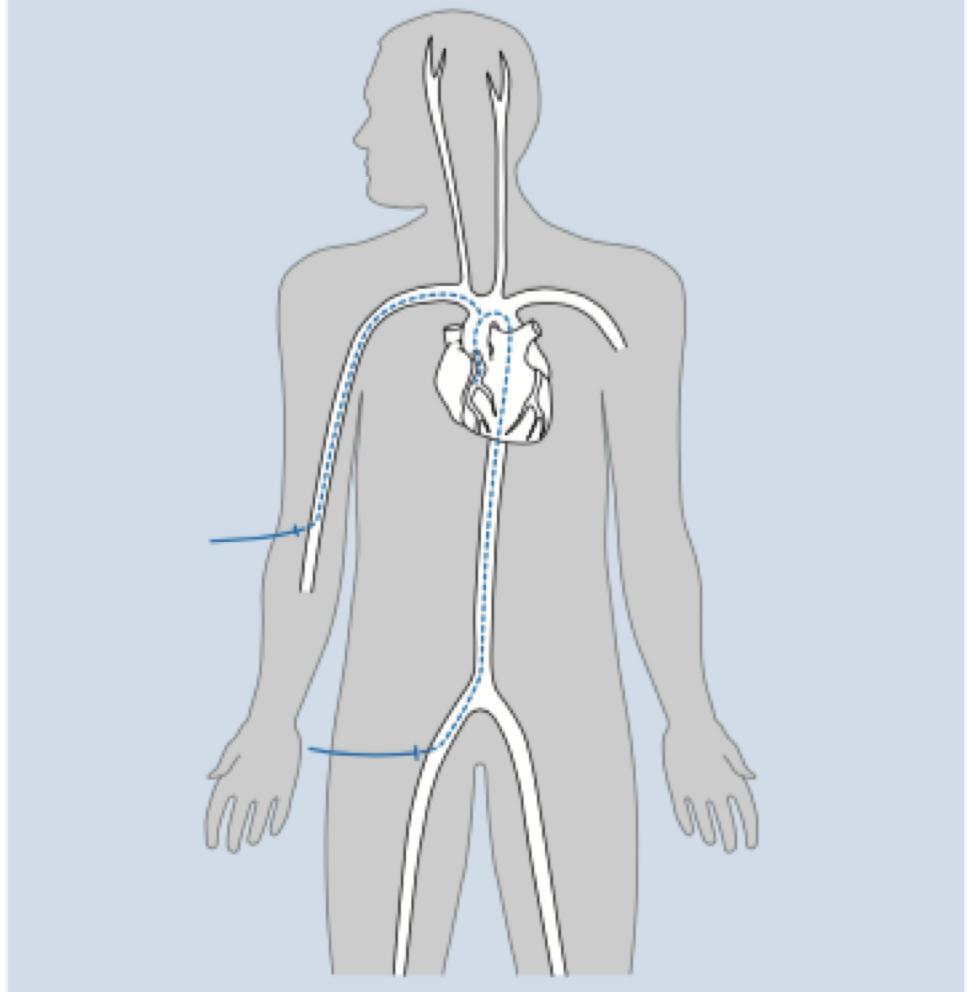
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■ Abb. 6.3. Lokalisation und Ausstrahlung typischer pektanginöser Beschwerden

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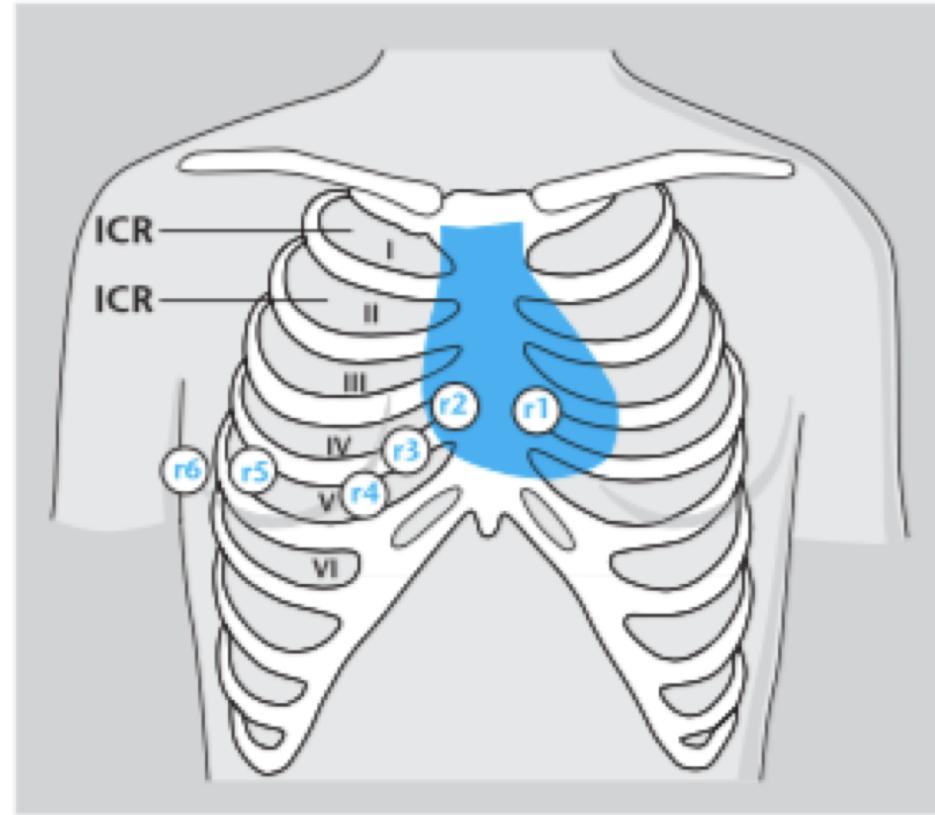
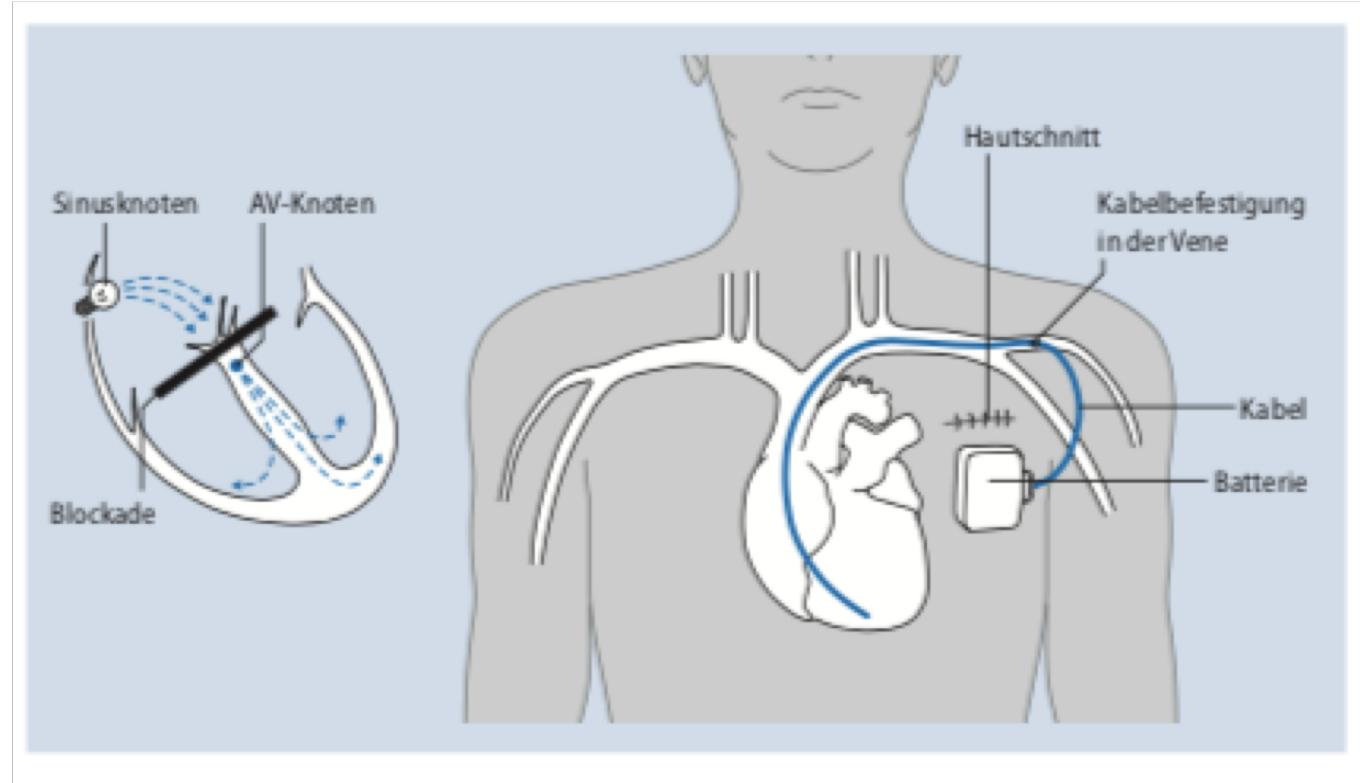


Abb. 4.09 EKG-Elektrodenposition bei Rechtsherzableitung [A300-157]

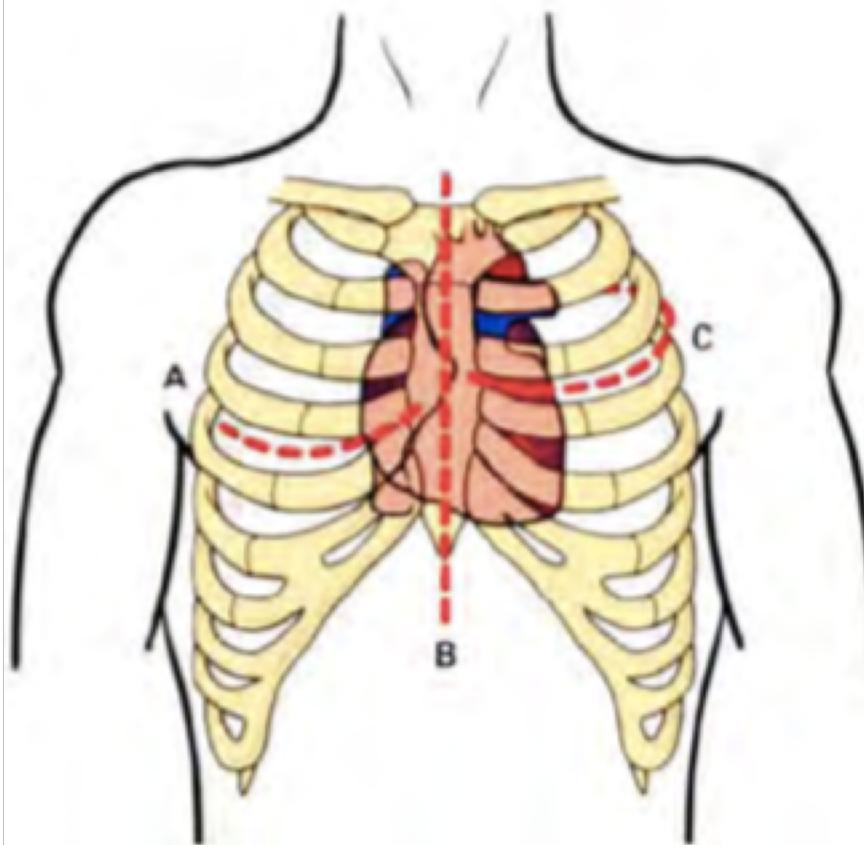
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■ Abb. 1: Zugangswege zum Herzen bei Herz-OPs:
A = rechtsseitige anterolaterale Thorakotomie,
B = mediane Längssternotomie, C = linksseitige
postero-laterale Thorakotomie. [5]

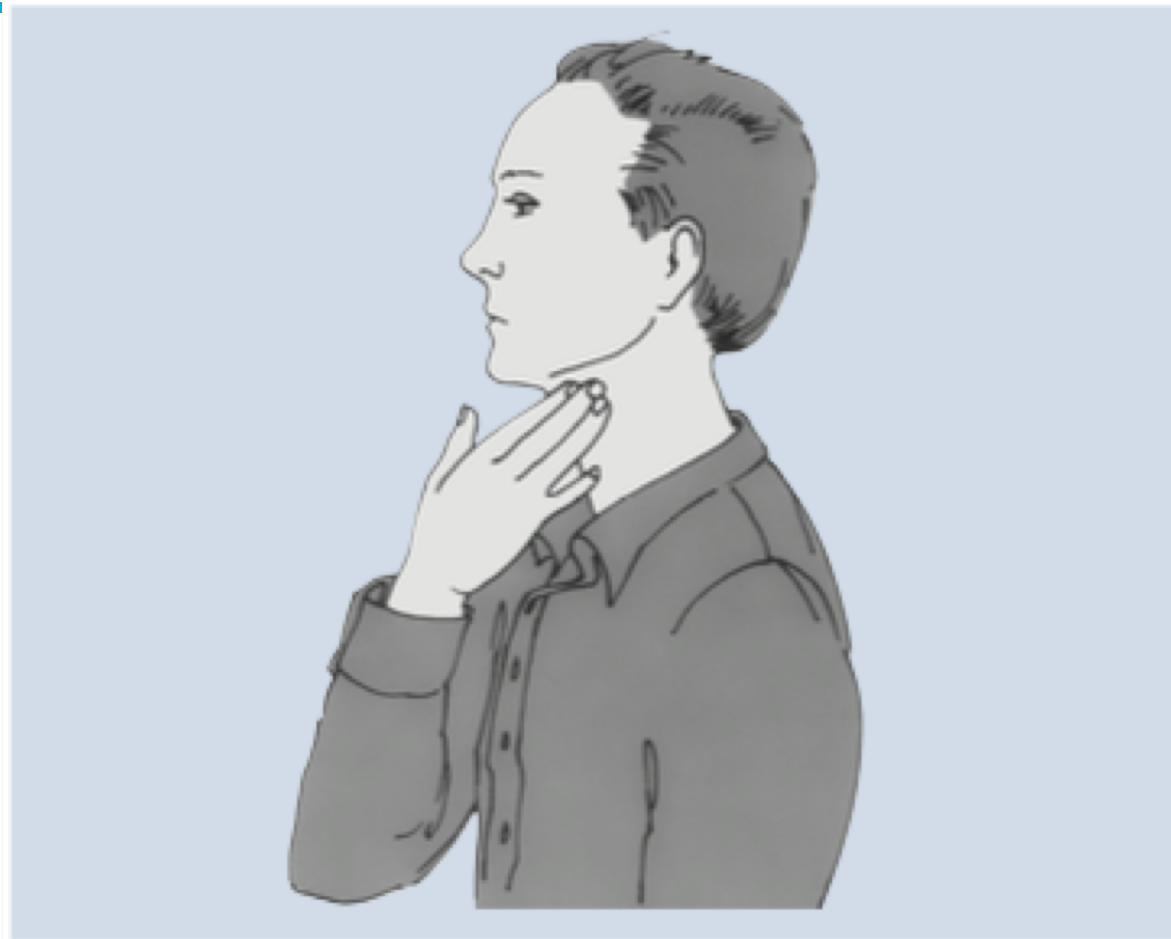
Lederhuber, Lange &
Deisenhofer (2010) S. 43

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Mathes (2012) S. 124

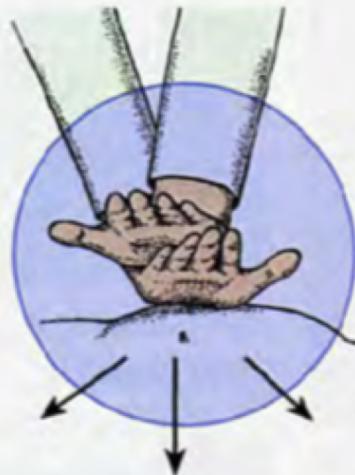
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■ Pulskontrolle an der Halsschlagader

Mathes (2012) S. 137

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Nur der Handballen berührt das Sternum



Arme gestreckt, Schultern senkrecht über dem Sternum

■ Abb. 1: Kardiopulmonale Reanimation. [13]

Lederhuber, Lange &
Deisenhofer (2010) S. 144

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Results

Besondere Patientengruppen

Bestimmte ACS-Patienten haben ein erhöhtes Risiko für kardiale Ereignisse und benötigen eine besondere Behandlungsstrategie. Diese Subgruppen sind z. B. ältere Patienten, Frauen, Patienten mit Nierenfunktions-einschränkungen, Diabetes mellitus und Anämie.

Ältere Patienten (> 75 J.) zeigen des Öfteren atypische Symptome, daher sollte eine Abklärung bereits bei geringerem Verdacht als bei jüngeren Patienten erfolgen (I C). Älteren Patienten sollte eine invasive Diagnostik nicht vorenthalten werden (I B).

Bei **Frauen** tritt ein ACS im Schnitt 10 Jahre später als bei Männern auf, daher sind sie bei Präsentation älter und haben oft mehr Begleiterkrankungen. Dies ist bei der Indikation zu einem invasiven Vorgehen sowie bei der Auswahl der Antikoagulation und Plättchenhemmung zu berücksichtigen. Grundsätzlich sollten das gleiche Vorgehen wie bei Männern gelten (I B).

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Eikosapentaensäure 186
Einengung 71
Eingliederungshilfe 131
Einzelschicksal 138
EKG-Kontrolle 139
Elastizität 31
Elektroden 121

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Flugreisen 209
Folgen
– seelische 195
~~Formula-Diäten~~ 164
Frauen
Früherkennung 31
Futterverwerter 41



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Results

1.1.7 Medikamentöse Interventionen zur Prävention

- ASS zur Primärprävention: Bei hohem KHK-Risiko (10-Jahres-Risiko > 6%) ist die niedrig dosierte ASS-Therapie bei akzeptablem Nutzen-Risiko-Verhältnis vertretbar (KI beachten). Für Frauen nur ungenügende Daten für eine allgemeine Empfehlung vorhanden.

Stierle (2008) S. 12

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Sex and Gender Representations of Myocardial Infarction in German Medical Books

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Abstract

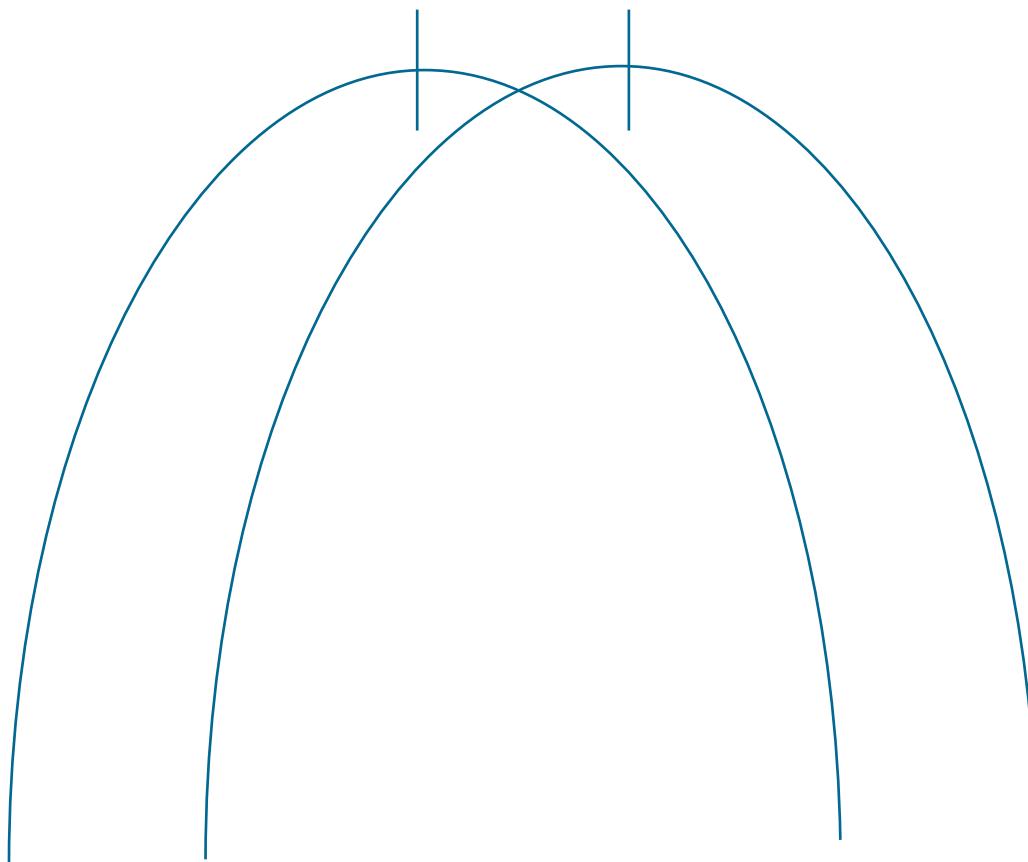
Mandatory teaching of sex- and gender-specific medicine (SGSM) is an essential tool to prepare future physicians for clinical care. Textbooks still play an important role for physician training in Germany. They are one of the main sources of structured and validated information.

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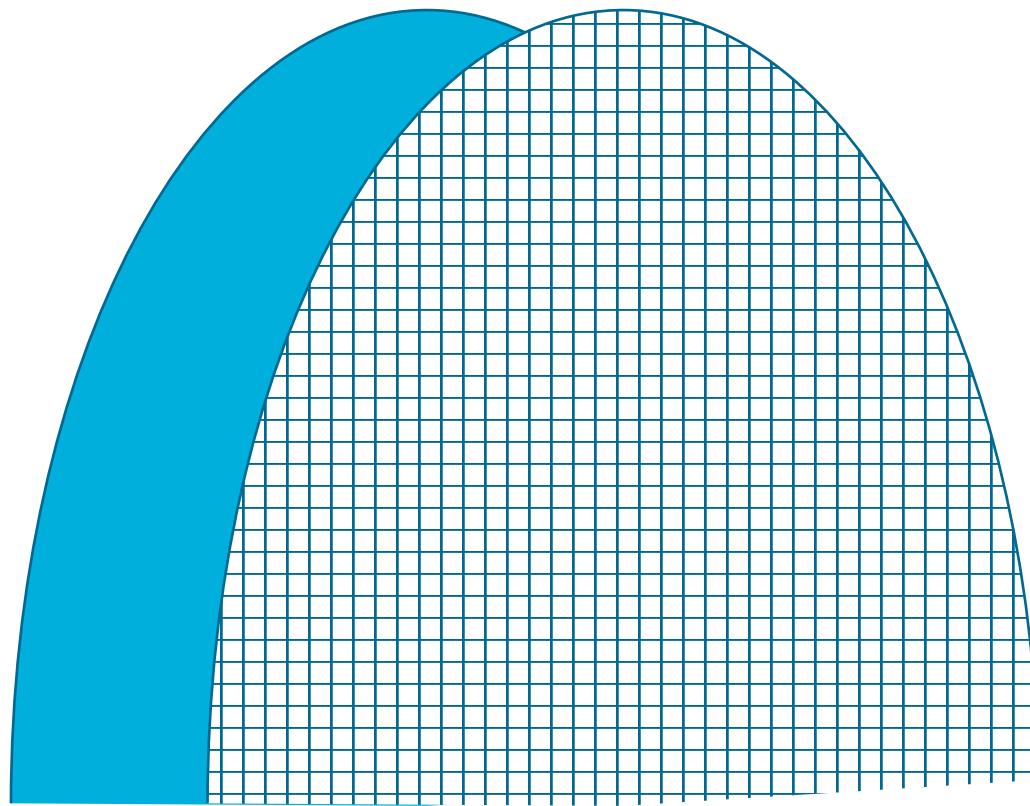
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Discrimination of women

“Let me tell you about my trouble with girls ... three things happen when they are in the lab ... You fall in love with them, they fall in love with you and when you criticise them, they cry.” Tim Hunt, 2015, Nobel Prize Winner for Physiology or Medicine 2001

Experiences of resistance by gender medicine pioneers

Results

“They did not see the problem – they thought I was the problem!” (Frau Magenta)

Results

“[I]f you are a cardiologist for twenty-five years - you have to learn now that you may have done things wrong with many female patients, it's not nice to accept!” (Frau Magenta)

Results

“[T]here is a resistance, because sometimes gender will be associated with an ideology of feminism. And I say, well, of course I'm a feminist, I really am a feminist, but what I'm doing now is based on the theory and not ideology of feminism, but I will implement it into just practical proposals for education and daily practice.” (Frau Lavendel)

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