

## **Women's Health Issues**

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"Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment". National Conference of State Legislatures, *State Legislative Report*, July 2001. (614.48/N21)

**Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tool.** U.S. National Cancer Institute, 2000. "An interactive tool to measure a woman's risk of invasive breast cancer." - web page. <http://bcra.nci.nih.gov/brc/>

**The Facts About Breast Cancer and Mammograms.** U.S. National Cancer Institute. [http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/peb/mammog\\_facts.html](http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/peb/mammog_facts.html)

**Greatest Threats to Women's Health.** Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation. <http://www.wwhf.org/greatestthreats.htm>

**Hormone Replacement Therapy.** U.S. National Institute on Aging. A Health Information paper briefly explaining menopause and the use of hormone replacement therapy to ease the signs of menopause and possibly protect against future serious illness. Gives pros and cons of this issue and provides further resources. <http://www.aoa.dhhs.gov/aoa/pages/agepages/hormone.html>

**Improving the Health of Midlife Women: Policy Options for the 21st Century.** Women's Research & Education Institute, 2001. (347.2/W84d)

**Maternal, Infant, and Child Health in the United States, 2001: March of Dimes Data Book for Policy Makers.** March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, Office of Government Affairs, 2001. (614.06/M33) ". . .[A]n easy-to-use resource guide intended to be helpful to public policy makers and others seeking quick facts at their fingertips." - *preface*.

**Midlife Women: Insurance Coverage and Access.** Women's Research & Education Institute, 2001. (368.6/W84) Documents that many women age 50 to 64 are struggling to meet basic health care needs. [http://www.wrei.org/pdf/brief\\_ksc.pdf](http://www.wrei.org/pdf/brief_ksc.pdf)

**Powerful Girls Have Powerful Bones,** National Osteoporosis Foundation. A National Bone Health Campaign aimed at girls age 9-12. <http://www.nof.org/powerfulbones/index.htm>

**Report on Women's Health in Wisconsin.** Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation, 2000. (347.2/W752) 2 pts. <http://www.wwhf.org/researchstudy.htm>

"Study Has Clues for Spouses Facing Mortal Danger". Lauren R. Taylor, *Women's eNews*, October 19, 2001. New research seeks to identify signs and situations of extreme danger. <http://www.womensenews.org/article.cfm/dyn/aid/690>

**What You Need to Know About Breast Cancer.** U.S. National Cancer Institute, modified December 12, 2000. A booklet in electronic form to help breast cancer patients, their families and friends, and others better understand this disease. [http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/wyntk\\_pubs/breast.htm](http://cancernet.nci.nih.gov/wyntk_pubs/breast.htm)

**Women and Heart Disease: An Atlas of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Mortality.** U.S. National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. An atlas with interactive state maps from which the user can select all women, or a specific minority or ethnic classification of women, or a state profile table. <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/cvd/womensatlas/>

"Women and HIV/AIDS". Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, *Fact Sheet*, May 2001. (346.28/K12) In this, the 20th year of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, women represent 30% of new infections. Women of color have been the hardest hit by this disease. <http://www.kff.org/content/2001/1631/1631.pdf>

**Women and Smoking: A Report of the Surgeon General,** U.S. Public Health Service, 2001. (178.9/X12) Comprehensive report on the effects of smoking by women and girls. Details specific health problems resulting from smoking. Pt.1: Report. Pt.2: Executive

Summary. <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS12075>

**Women, Heart Disease and Stroke. American Heart Association.** Outlines factors that increase the risk in women.

[http://www.americanheart.org/Heart\\_and\\_Stroke\\_A\\_Z\\_Guide/women.html](http://www.americanheart.org/Heart_and_Stroke_A_Z_Guide/women.html)

Also, AHA Women's Web: <http://women.americanheart.org>

**Women's Health: An Emerging Definition, National Conference of State Legislatures, 2000. (347.2/N213)** Discusses medical and social issues affecting women's health and presents state approaches to handling those issues.

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/forum/womenshealth.htm>

**"Women's Health Issues: Will Women Benefit from Increased Research?" Congressional Quarterly, Inc., CQ Researcher, May 13, 1994. (347.2/C761a)** Broad overview of women's health issues and research on: heart disease, breast cancer, and hormone replacement therapy. Includes an early assessment of the Women's Health Initiative.

## Related Web Sites

<http://www.medsch.wisc.edu/bca/> - "Breast Cancer Answers", University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center.

<http://www.womenshealth.wisc.edu/> - Center for Women's Health, University of Wisconsin Medical School. This center ". . . is one of fourteen National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health designated by the U.S. Public Health Service Office on Women's Health. The model centers were formed to provide integrated and comprehensive women's health services for women across the country." -web page

[http://www.wtcb.state.wi.us/funded\\_programs/FirstBreath.htm](http://www.wtcb.state.wi.us/funded_programs/FirstBreath.htm) - "First Breath", Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board. Designed to help pregnant smokers quit.

<http://www.4woman.gov/faq/index.htm> - "Frequently Asked Questions About Women's Health", National Women's Health Information Center, U.S. Office on Women's Health.

<http://www.healthfinder.gov/justforyou/> - "Healthfinder: Your Guide to Reliable Health Information", U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Click on "Women" for a wide-ranging alphabetic list of specific health topics of interest to women. Contains a search option.

[http://www.mayo.edu/research/womens\\_health](http://www.mayo.edu/research/womens_health) - Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, Women's Health Research. "Understanding and Improving Women's Health Across the Life Span" -web page.

<http://www.melpomene.org/> - Melpomene Institute. [The institute] ". . . founded in 1982, helps girls & women of all ages link physical activity and health through research, publication and education." -web page. Click on "Resources" for an online library.

<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/nbccedp/index.htm> - "National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program". National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/women.htm> - National Conference of State Legislatures, "Women's Health". A clearinghouse of information on women's health topics; contains links to NCSL resources and other useful websites.

<http://members.aol.com/natamcan/> - Native American Cancer Survivors' Conference.

<http://www.hrsa.gov/OMH/OMH/OMH.HTM> - Office of Minority Health, U.S. Health Resources & Services Administration.

<http://www.4woman.gov/owh/> - Office on Women's Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The office ". . . coordinates women's health efforts in HHS to eliminate disparities in health status and supports culturally sensitive educational programs that encourage women to take personal responsibility for their own health and wellness." -web page

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/osteoporosis.html> - "Osteoporosis". National Library of Medicine, Medlineplus Health Information. Links to numerous articles and information.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/> - Violence Against Women Office, U.S. Office of Justice Programs.

<http://www.wwhf.org/> - Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation. The foundation's mission is to provide Wisconsin women with the information needed to be healthy, to become their own health advocates, and to improve the quality of life for women and their families. Contains many helpful links to related health sites.

<http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/Health/WomensHealth/index.htm> - "Women's Health", Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/whi/index.html> - Women's Health Initiative, U.S. National Institutes of Health. "The WHI is one of the largest preventive studies of its kind in the United States. The WHI will focus on the major causes of death, disability and frailty in postmenopausal women. The overall goal of WHI is to reduce coronary heart disease, breast and colorectal cancer, and osteoporotic-fractures among postmenopausal women via prevention/intervention strategies and risk factor identification. [Established in 1991, the] WHI is a 15-year research program." -*web page*

<http://www.kff.org/sections.cgi?section=women> - "Women's Health Policy", The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/wmhc/index.cfm> - "Women's Mental Health Consortium", U.S. National Institute of Mental Health.

**Clippings: (Noncirculating; available for use in the library; clippings prior to 1981 are on microfiche)**

- Cancer: 614.48/Z
- Maternal and infant care: 614.06/W7z (WI); 614.06/Z (U.S.)
- Medicine; medical research: 614.2/Z
- Tobacco and smoking: 178.9/W7z (WI); 178.9/Z (U.S.)
- Women; abuse of women: 347.2/Z

**BadgerLink: [www.badgerlink.net](http://www.badgerlink.net)**

Search the ProQuest Newspapers and EBSCOhost databases for full text articles. Use specific terms such as *breast cancer*, *women*, *heart disease*, or *osteoporosis*.

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