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Sheryl A. Kingsberg, PhD, Lisa Larkin, MD, Michael Krychman, MD, Sharon J. Parish, MD, Brian Bernick, MD, and Sebastian Mirkin, MD Both OB/GYNs and primary care physicians had similar attitudes and behaviors for prescribing vulvar and vaginal atrophy (VVA) treatments, especially vaginal estrogens, for menopausal women. The comfort level of both groups of physicians was low when prescribing VVA therapies for women with a personal history or at an increased risk of breast cancer.

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Risk factors for sexual dysfunction in BRCA mutation carriers after risk-reducing salpingo-oophorectomy

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There is a high prevalence of sexual dysfunction following risk-reducing salpingo-oophorectomy in BRCA1/2 mutation carriers. This study evaluates the risk factors for sexual dysfunction in a large cross-sectional study.

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Postmenopausal hormone therapy is accompanied by elevated risk for uterine prolapse Päivi Rahkola-Soisalo, MD, PhD, Hanna Savolainen-Peltonen, MD, PhD, Mika Gissler, PhD, Fabian Hoti, PhD, Pia Vattulainen, MSc, Olavi Ylikorkala, MD, PhD, and Tomi S. Mikkola, MD, PhD *The postmenopausal use of estradiol in combination with various progestogen regimens increased the risk for uterine prolapse.*

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Meng Mao, PhD, Fangfang Ai, PhD, Jia Kang, PhD, Ye Zhang, PhD, Shuo Liang, MD, Ying Zhou, MD, and Lan Zhu, MD

The Gellhorn pessary can resolve prolapse and voiding difficulty symptoms effectively and significantly improve the quality of life of women after long-term use.

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Wonshik Chee, PhD, Sangmi Kim, PhD, MPH, Hsiu-Min Tsai, PhD, and Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, FAAN

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Christy Costanian, PhD, Hugh McCague, PhD, Heather Edgell, PhD, Chris I. Ardern, PhD, and Hala Tamim, PhD

No association between changes in anthropometrics across time and onset of menopause was observed; however, baseline body mass index and waist circumference were negatively associated with age at natural menopause.

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Bazedoxifene-induced vasodilation and inhibition of vasoconstriction is significantly greater than estradiol

Margaret A. Zimmerman, PhD, Dillion D. Hutson, BS, Franck Mauvais-Jarvis, MD, PhD, and Sarah H. Lindsey, PhD

Bazedoxifene and bazedoxifene plus estradiol relaxed mesenteric arteries and opposed vasoconstriction to a greater degree than estradiol or medroxyprogesterone plus estradiol independently of sex and G protein-coupled estrogen receptor expression. Bazedoxifene may provide vascular benefits over estrogen alone or estrogen plus progestin combinations in postmenopausal women.







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Fang-Ping Chen, MD, Sheng-Fong Kuo, MD, Yu-Ching Lin, MD, Chih-Ming Fan, MRT, and Jung-Fu Chen, MD

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Cheng Huang, BS, Med, Yanwei Zheng, MSc, Liping Zhu, PhD, Yang Li, MSc, Li Du, MSc, Minfang Tao, MD, and Biao Xu, PhD

In this study older age, no health insurance, employment, multiple symptoms, sleep disturbance, urinary incontinence, and visits to nonspecialized departments were significantly associated with a longer delay in seeking perimenopausal health services.



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Hormone therapy in postmenopausal women associated with risk of stroke and venous thromboembolism: a population-based cohort study in Taiwan

Wei-Chuan Chang, MS, Jen-Hung Wang, MS, and Dah-Ching Ding, MD, PhD In postmenopausal Taiwanese women, hormone therapy may be associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular disease such as stroke, embolism, and coronary syndrome.

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Validation of the 10-item Cervantes Scale in middle-aged Portuguese women: paper-and-pencil and online format assessment of menopause-related symptoms

Filipa Pimenta, PhD, Rita Albergaria, MSc, João Marôco, PhD, Isabel Leal, PhD, Peter Chedraui, MD, PhD, and Faustino R. Pérez-López, MD, PhD

The Portuguese language version 10-item Cervantes Scale rendered data with psychometric properties in a sample of middle-aged Portuguese women. Therefore, it can be used in both clinical and community settings.

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Factors associated with age at natural menopause among elderly women in São Paulo, Brazil Alejandra Andrea Roman Lay, MPH, Yeda Aparecida de Oliveira Duarte, PhD, and Alexandre Dias Porto Chiavegatto Filho, PhD

Elderly residents of São Paulo, Brazil had associations of age at natural menopause with reproductive and lifestyle factors, similar to some studies of women from developed countries.





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Clinical management of hypoactive sexual desire disorder

Sheryl Kingsberg, PhD, IF, and Stephanie Faubion, MD, FACP, NCMP, IF A woman's healthcare provider has the best opportunity to address hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD), but most women are reluctant to discuss their loss of sexual desire with a clinician. The feeling is often mutual, and few providers feel confident assessing and treating this condition. This Practice Pearl strives to improve clinicians' understanding of and confidence in discussing all aspects of HSDD with their patients.

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Intracrinology and menopause: the science describing the cell-specific intracellular formation of estrogens and androgens from DHEA and their strictly local action and inactivation in peripheral tissues

Fernand Labrie, MD, PhD

The intracellular formation of sex steroids from dehydroepiandrosterone and their local inactivation results in circulating sex steroids at very low and biologically inactive concentrations during postmenopausal years.

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