

FACT SHEET ON WOMEN IN MEDICINE

MEDICAL STUDENTS:

Academia Year	Women Applicants		Total Women Enrolled	
	Number	Percent	Number	% of Total
1939-40	632	5.4	1,145	5.4
1949-50	1,390	5.7	1,806	7.2
1959-60	1,026	6.9	1,710	5.7
1964-65	1,731	9.0	2,503	7.7
1969-70	2,289	9.4	3,390	9.0
1970-71	2,734	10.9	3,894	9.6
1971-72	3,737	12.8	4,755	10.9
1972-73	5,480	15.2	6,099	12.8
1973-74	7,202	17.8	7,731	15.4
1974-75	8,712	20.4	9,786	18.1
1975-76	9,575	22.6	11,417	20.5 (1)
1976-77	10,244	24.3	12,954	22.4
1977-78	10,195	25.1	14,373	23.8
1978-79	--	--	15,113	24.3 (2)

UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY WOMEN ENROLLED  
IN U.S. MEDICAL SCHOOLS

Academic Year	Minority	% of Total
1978-79	Black	3.0
	Native American	0.1
	Mexican-American-Chicano	0.3 (3)

RESIDENT PHYSICIANS:

WOMEN RESIDENT PHYSICIANS BY SPECIALTY  
(United States and Canadian Graduates)

Specialty	1968	Percent	1970	Percent	1974	Percent
Anesthesiology	99	7.0	72	4.0	107	3.7
Family Practice	--	---	8	0.4	133	4.6
General Practice	5	0.4	--	---	---	---
General Surgery	65	4.6	95	5.3	187	6.4
Internal Medicine	239	16.8	290	16.3	534	18.4
Obstetrics & Gynecology	80	5.6	76	4.3	167	5.8
Pathology	120	8.4	138	7.8	184	6.3
Pediatrics	246	17.3	354	20.0	595	20.5
Psychiatry, including child	326	23.0	411	23.0	482	16.6
Radiology	82	5.8	137	7.7	157	5.4
Others	157	11.0	197	11.0	356	12.3
Total	1,419	99.9	1,778	99.8	2,902	100.0

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Addendum: The AMA reported that as of September 1, 1976 14% (8,848), of all resident physicians were women.

M.D. FACULTY:

The Journal of the American Medical Association noted in its December 29, 1975 issue: "The number of women on teaching staffs has remained relatively constant over the past several years, although the number on full-time teaching staffs was slightly higher at the recording period ending September 1, 1973".

M.D. WOMEN'S SHARE OF SENIOR FACULTY POSITIONS IN U.S.  
MEDICAL SCHOOLS BY RANK

Faculty Rank	% of Total M.D. Faculty
Professor	3.5
Associate Professor	5.2
Assistant Professor	7.8

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M.D. ADMINISTRATORS:

Year	Total M.D. Dept. Heads	Women M.D. Dept. Heads	Percent of Total
1965	1,351	10	0.7
1969-70	1,379	9	0.6
1977-78	1,672	26	1.5

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Year	Deans			Vice-President for Health Affairs
	Full	Associate	Assistant	
1965	0%	1.2%	3.6%	0%
1969-70	0%	1.7%	4.5%	0%
1977-78	0%	4.5%	9.9%	0%

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## PRACTICING PHYSICIANS:

WOMEN PHYSICIANS IN THE UNITED STATES AND  
POSSESSIONS BY SPECIALTY

December 31, 1976

Specialty	Women	% of Total Physicians
Total Physicians	29,913	9.4
General Practice	2,611	5.7
Medical Specialties	7,051	10.9
Allergy	127	7.4
Cardiovascular Diseases	182	2.7
Dermatology	401	8.3
Gastroenterology	46	1.9
Internal Medicine	2,486	7.7
Pediatrics	3,588	23.5
Pediatric Allergy	58	15.9
Pediatric Cardiology	89	18.9
Pulmonary Diseases	160	7.0
Surgical Specialties	1,999	3.4
General Surgery	228	2.3
Neurological Surgery	10	.8
Obstetrics and Gynecology	1,277	8.5
Ophthalmology	320	3.8
Orthopedic Surgery	43	.6
Otolaryngology	51	1.3
Plastic Surgery	52	2.9
Colon and Rectal Surgery	6	.9
Thoracic Surgery	2	.2
Urology	10	.3
Other Specialties	8,437	12.1
Aerospace Medicine	8	1.5
Anesthesiology	1,523	13.9
Child Psychiatry	571	25.3
Diagnostic Radiology	199	6.5
Forensic Pathology	14	6.7
Neurology	248	8.6
Occupational Medicine	79	3.4
Psychiatry	2,403	13.8
Pathology	1,036	14.5
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	236	21.3
General Preventive Medicine	97	13.1
Public Health	530	20.6
Radiology	462	6.3
Therapeutic Radiology	71	9.1
Other Specialty	640	8.4
Unspecified	320	13.4
Unknown	1,182	

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