

How Social Media Is Empowering Women To Fight Back Against The Gender Health Gap

Women's health issues have often been overlooked, but social media is now empowering women by raising awareness and advocating for better healthcare.

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issues have long been ignored or dismissed by medical professionals, but social media has proven to be a powerful tool for empowering women, raising awareness, and demanding better health care. Jennifer Read-Dominguez, founder of The Women's Journal, argues the importance of this digital shift in empowering women to take back control of their mental and physical health, closing the gender health gap.

Through social media platforms like Instagram and TikTok, women are increasingly sharing their health stories, exchanging medical experiences, and crowdsourcing

information about conditions doctors often misunderstand or ignore. Medical professionals and society have traditionally downplayed conditions such as endometriosis, fibromyalgia, and often misdiagnosed mental health conditions in women like ADHD and autism. However, social media has made women realise they're not alone in their struggles thanks to its reach and community.

Jennifer Read-Dominguez, founder of The Women's Journal, explains how social media is empowering women to close the gender health gap. “Social media has allowed women to reclaim their health narratives. For years, intuitive women who know their bodies have been told by doctors that their pain or concerns were simply 'in their heads' or that they're overreacting. But through the rise of digital and social platforms, women are sharing their stories, and others are recognising their own symptoms through this. This collective voice is leading to increased self-awareness, faster identification of potential health issues, and ultimately more women seeking second opinions or demanding thorough examinations.”

Jennifer continues: "This evolution of digital knowledge (literally in the palm of our hands) is playing a game-changing role in closing the gender health gap. For too long, women have been left with no answers or proper care due to the patriarchy and the medical establishment's

unwillingness and failure to recognise and address women's unique health challenges. In this digital age of new and relatable social content, more women than ever before are sharing intimate and often invisible struggles, amplifying conversations that were once silenced. Social media is proving to be an empowering lifeline for many women across the globe.”

“Social media platforms like TikTok and Instagram aren't just for entertainment anymore - they're educational spaces where important conversations take place about mental and physical health,” she continues. “When a woman stumbles across a post that speaks to her lived experience, it can become a moment of realisation or awakening. It makes her realise that she's not alone, that her symptoms are real, and that other women are also experiencing the same issues as her. That validation is crucial, especially for those whose concerns have been dismissed by trusted healthcare providers.”

The Women's Journal has spoken to and documented the stories of countless women who have had to advocate fiercely for their own health after being dismissed by the medical system. Some women find solidarity through social media, gain insight through shared posts, and then begin to challenge the status quo that often leaves women underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed.

Jennifer Read-Dominguez also points out the possibility of change within the healthcare system itself. “The more women who share their experiences, the more pressure placed on the medical community to listen and evolve. It’s not just about self-diagnosis - it’s about empowerment and the fight for equality in healthcare. With new evidence and confidence in being part of a social community that their women’s intuition was right all along, women can now hold medical professionals accountable - and I'm here for it.”

Women of all generations are taking advantage of social media's wealth of information and community, from Gen X and millennial women to Gen Z. As the gender health gap slowly narrows, social media continues to be a key tool for educating, supporting, and mobilising all women.

For more information on The Women's Journal or exclusive expert commentary on all women’s issues, please contact: info@thewomensjournal.co.uk.

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The Women's Journal isn't just another lifestyle magazine that occasionally touches on women's issues. The solely online consumer lifestyle publication was born out of the need to readdress women's rights at a time when society has taken steps backwards for women worldwide. As part of its mission, The Women's Journal sheds a much needed light on women's issues by creating content around what women secretly search for online. As a voice for ALL women, the team of female contributors constantly break taboos around mental and sexual health, safeguard solo female travellers, and recognise female-founded brands and businesses. Founded by serial entrepreneur Jennifer Read-Dominguez, The Women’s Journal aims to drive meaningful

conversations and inspire change in areas that matter most to women.

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