

The GOG Foundation, Inc. Statement on the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) Report

The GOG Foundation, Inc., (GOG-F) commends the National Academies, Science Engineering, Medicine (NASEM) committee's important research report,⁽¹⁾ outlining the need for the NIH Office for Women's Health Research to prioritize women's health disparities and funding to continue important research that persist across various domains, particularly in women's⁽²⁾ health and gynecologic oncology.

Despite the long history for the need for women's health research, funding remains woefully inadequate, with only 7.9% funding in 2023, a significant decrease from 9.7% of total spending in 2013 of the NIH budget allocated to women's health-related research.⁽²⁾ This deficit highlights the urgency for action.

The GOG-F recognizes the profound implications of these findings, and we stand committed to being part of the solution by addressing the unmet needs in women's health research. We see the report as an important call to action, urging greater investment and focus in this area. Our organizational vision to "transform the standard of care in gynecologic cancers" clearly aligns with the need to bridge these research gaps. The GOG-F will remain dedicated to expanding clinical trial opportunities, ensuring the continued advancement of groundbreaking and practice changing studies in gynecologic oncology, striving to reduce health disparities for all, thereby improving outcomes for generations to come.

(1): <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/assessment-of-nih-research-on-womens-health>

(2): <https://www.science.org/content/article/nih-needs-new-institute-women-s-health-research-expert-panel-says>

A New Vision for Women's Health Research

Transformative Change at the National Institutes of Health



Women make up over half of the U.S. population, yet research on women's health conditions, including those that are female specific such as fibroids, more common among women such as anxiety, or affect women differently such cardiovascular disease, is severely lacking. Medical advances for women have lagged, in part due to a lack of understanding of basic sex-based differences in physiology. To address this, the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Office of Research in Women's Health tasked the National Academies with convening a committee of experts to assess the state of women's health research at NIH, identify critical knowledge gaps, assess the level of funding for women's health research, and more.

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