

# Medical Gaslighting in Women's Sexual Health is Alive and Well.

As far back as the Bible, we have valued sexual satisfaction for men.

**But what about women?**

Sexual dysfunction by the numbers

**43%** vs. **31%**  
of women of men

There were

**26** 

FDA-approved sexual dysfunction medications **for men**

**Before ...**

**FDA approved Addyi** for women's most common sexual dysfunction

Men=  
We value biology



Women=  
Biology is **completely dismissed**



When **men** ask their doctor about sexual dysfunction

**We can fix that!**

Offered one of more than two-dozen FDA-approved treatment options

When **women** ask their doctor about sexual dysfunction

**Have a glass of wine.**

"It's "normal" (not "common") - just deal with it"

"Lose weight"

"Take an antidepressant"

"Take a bubble bath"

"Find a different partner"

**OR** They are ignored entirely

**What they aren't told:**



Low libido could have a biological basis

There are FDA approved treatment options ✓

**Viagra** 

Designated as "important unmet medical need"  
Received special FDA fast-track status  
Approved in 1998 after 6 months  
On the cover of TIME magazine  
Covered by insurers for 20+ years

**vs.**

**Addyi** 

**3x as many patients'** worth of data at submission  
**Denied twice** by FDA  
Approved in 2015 after **6 YEARS**  
**Less than 1%** of women and 5% of doctors **know it exists**  
Insurers **still regularly deny coverage.** The reasons?

**addyi**  
(flibanserin)  
100mg tablets

Get the latest  
Follow **@CindyPinkCEO** on Instagram

**#WomenComeFirst**

*Must complete couples counseling first  
Because she was "depressed"  
No reason at all*