

Call to Action Statements

- To create more awareness about the intersection of sex/gender and disability in all environments
- Sharing personal experiences of having a disability to reduce the stigma associated with it
- Hosting a roundtable to get more people discussing the Intersection of sex/gender and disability
- Researching more about the topic and publishing this research to create a wider reach

Disabilities on Earth

Definition: Disabilities encompass a range of physical, mental, cognitive, or developmental conditions that restrict a person's ability to engage in tasks, activities, and daily interactions.

Types of Disabilities: Disabilities exhibit diverse nature and severity, including mobility impairments, visual or hearing impairments, intellectual disabilities, and neurological conditions, among others.

Prevalence: Approximately 1 in 4 adults in the United States, totaling 61 million people, live with disabilities, with mobility impairments being the most common.

Shared Challenges: Individuals with disabilities encounter common obstacles such as limited physical and online accessibility, social exclusion, inadequate assistive technology, and barriers in healthcare and employment.

Awareness Gap: Limited awareness remains a significant hindrance, perpetuating accessibility issues faced by people with disabilities in today's society.

Travel Challenges: People with disabilities may encounter difficulties at airports or other security services due to carrying medications or specific needs requiring additional accommodations.

Gender Disparity - physicians: Some countries still witness underrepresentation of female physicians/surgeons, where gender plays a significant role.

Inadequate Personalization: Certain countries lack personalized healthcare systems, resulting in a lack of tailored services for female patients with specific health concerns.

Gender Disparity - patients: Healthcare services often exhibit standardization that primarily caters to male patients, potentially neglecting the unique healthcare needs and considerations of women.

Limited Access: Female patients may encounter difficulties accessing appropriate healthcare services designed to address their specific medical conditions.

Implications: The absence of gender-specific healthcare services can lead to disparities in diagnosis, treatment options, and overall quality of care for women.

Need for Equity: It is crucial to promote equitable healthcare systems that consider and address the specific needs and challenges faced by female patients, ensuring comprehensive and personalized healthcare for all.