



Women with Disabilities

Also see our Female Sexuality and Pregnancy topic sheet.

Websites

General

<http://www.bcm.edu/crowd/>

Center for Research on Women with Disabilities (CROWD)

1475 West Gray, Suite 165

Houston, TX 77019

Phone: 713-523-0909

The Center for Research on Women with Disabilities (CROWD) focuses on issues related to health (including reproduction and sexuality), aging, civil rights, abuse, and independent living.

<http://www.independentliving.org/docs2/daakit61.html>

Disabled Women: Disability Awareness in Action Resource Kit No. 6

The Disabled Women Resource Kit from Disability Awareness in Action focuses on the social status of disabled women, comments on representation and empowerment, and looks at the women's movement in the context of disabled women's issues. The kit can be downloaded as a PDF.

<http://www.disabilityhistory.org/dwa/index.html>

Disabled Women on the Web

<http://www.independentliving.org/links/links-women-with-disabilities.html>

Independent Living Institute: Disability Resources – Women with Disabilities

<http://www.mobilewomen.org>

mobileWOMEN

Email: info@mobilewomen.org

mobileWOMEN is an online magazine for women in wheelchairs.

<http://nwwwn.org/>

Northwest Women Wheelers' Network

A social and support group whose members are primarily from the greater Seattle/Tacoma area but also from Oregon and California.

Health

<http://www.bhawd.org>

Breast Health Access for Women with Disabilities

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center

Herrick Campus

Rehabilitation Services

2001 Dwight Way, 2nd Floor

Berkeley, CA 94704

Phone: 510-204-4866, 510-204-4574 (TDD)

The mission of BHAWD is to increase the access of women with disabilities to breast health information, screenings and early breast cancer detection. The organization publishes a variety of materials including the “Breast Self-Examination: A New Approach” brochure, which can be viewed on the site.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandhealth/women.html>

CDC: Women with Disabilities

<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/BreastCancerDisabilities/>

CDC: Women with Disabilities and Breast Cancer

http://www.bcm.edu/crowd/health_wellness/health_wellness.html

Center for Research on Women with Disabilities: Health and Wellness for Women with Disabilities

This easy to understand, web-based guide informs women with disabilities about topics such as chronic conditions, health maintenance, sexually, mental health and reproductive health care.

<http://nurseweb.villanova.edu/womenwithdisabilities/>

Health Promotion for Women with Disabilities

Villanova University- College of Nursing

800 Lancaster Avenue

Villanova, PA 19085

Phone: 610-519-6828 This site is designed provides information on health topics to women with disabilities to help them become informed users of health care, ask the right questions of health care providers, and take actions to improve their health and quality of life. Health topics discussed include heart health, reproductive health, nutrition, sleep and aging.

<http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ncodh/orchid/pages/index.cfm>

Orchid: Health and Wellness for Women with Disabilities

Magazine on women and disabilities designed to encourage all women with disabilities to be as healthy as possible. Published by the NC Office on Disability and Health.

<http://www.post-polio.org/res/second.html>

Post-Polio Health International: Women with Polio – Menopause, Late Effects, Life Satisfaction and Emotional Distress report

This site presents findings from PHI's May 14, 2004, report on women with polio as well as access to a PDF version of the report.

<http://www.womenwithdisabilities.org>

Women with Disabilities Education Program

This site has information to help women with disabilities receive appropriate and effective health care. It also has materials describing evidence-based research and recommendations to help healthcare professionals better serve women with disabilities.

<http://www.womenshealth.gov>

Womenshealth.gov

8270 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Suite 101

Fairfax, VA 22031

Phone: 800-994-9662

This website run by the federal Office on Women's Health provides health information for women and girls, as well as contact information for regional women's health offices and programs, and state and territorial liaisons.

Online Communities

<http://www.gimpgirl.com/>

GimpGirl Community

GimpGirl Community's mission is to bring women with disabilities together in the spirit of support, positivity and inclusivity.

Articles

Estores, Irene M. and Marca L. Sipski. "Women's Issues After SCI." Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation. Fall 2004 Vol. 10 no. 2. pp.107-125.

The following books and videos are available for free loan from the PRC library. For more information, please see www.paralysis.org and click *Borrow from Our Lending Library* under PRC Quick Links.

Books

- Banks, Martha E. and Ellyn Kaschak, Ph.D. **Women with Visible and Invisible Disabilities: Multiple Intersections, Multiple Issues, Multiple Therapies**. New York: Haworth Press, 2003. (Published also as *Women & Therapy* Vol. 26, Numbers 1,2 and 3,4.)
- Blanchard, Janice and Susan D. Hosek. **Financing Healthcare for Women with Disabilities**, Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corp., 2003.
Text can be viewed at <http://www.rand.org/publications/WP/WP139/index.html>
- **Breast Health and Beyond for Women with Disabilities: A Provider's Guide to the Examination and Screening of Women with Disabilities**. Oakland, CA: Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2004.
- Frank, Gelya. **Venus on Wheels: Two Decades of Dialogue on Disability, Biography, and Being Female in America**. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2000.
- **A Health Handbook for Women with Disabilities**. Berkeley, CA: Hesperian, 2007.
This book concentrates on third world and poverty-stricken living conditions. The whole text can be read for free at the website:
http://www.hesperian.org/publications_download.php#wwd
- Mason, Mary Grimley. **Working Against Odds: Stories of Disabled Women's Work Lives**. Boston, MA: Northeastern University Press, 2004.
- Mintz, Susannah B. **Unruly Bodies: Life Writing by Women with Disabilities**. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2007.
- Prilleltensky, Ora. **Motherhood and Disability: Children and Choices**. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004.
- Smith, Bonnie G. and Beth Hutchison. **Gendering Disability**. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2004.
- Thomson, Rosemarie Garland. **Extraordinary Bodies: Figuring Physical Disability in American Culture and Literature**. New York: Columbia University Press, 1997.
- Walsh, Patricia Noonan and Barbara LeRoy. **Women with Disabilities Aging Well: A Global View**. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing, 2004.
- Welner, Sandra L. and Florence Haseltine. **Welner's Guide to the Care of Women with Disabilities**. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2004.

- Welner, Sandra. **A Provider's Guide For The Care of Women With Physical Disabilities and Chronic Medical Conditions**. North Carolina: North Carolina Office on Disability and Health, 1999.
- Wendell, Susan. **The Rejected Body: Feminist Philosophical Reflections on Disability**. New York: Routledge, 1996.
- **“What Happened to You?” Writings by Disabled Women**. Lois Keith, editor. New York: New Press, 1996.
Thirty-six women from Great Britain tell their stories.
- **With Wings: An Anthology of Literature by and About Women with Disabilities**. Marsha Saxton and Florence Howe, editors. New York: The Feminist Press, 1987.
- **Women with Disabilities: Found Voices**. Mary Willmuth and Lillian Holcomb, editors. Binghamton, NY: Harrington Park Press, 1993.

Videos

- **Beyond Disability: The Fe Fe Stories**. Chicago: Beyondmedia Education, 2004. DVD and VHS.
The Empowered Fe Fes (slang for female) are a group of young women with disabilities. They hit the streets of Chicago on a quest to discover the difference between how they see themselves and how others see them.
- **Disabled Women: Vision and Voices from the Fourth World Conference on Women**. San Francisco, CA: Fall 1995. (12 minutes, 40 seconds)
- **Our Own Best Advocates: Breast Health for Women with Disabilities**. Center for Research on Women with Disabilities, 2000.(14 minutes)
Available from www.fanlight.com
- **Removing Barriers to Mammography for Women with Physical Disabilities**. UCP of New York City, 2003. Narrated by Donna Hanover. VHS or DVD.

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